

# Reincarnation Of The Strongest Sword God

## Chapter 3731: Alternate Ending 805 - Advanced Gold Combat Technique

### Chapter 805 – Advanced Gold Combat Technique

The match between the Verdant Rainbow Party and the Dead Soul Party took place in an ancient town covered in fog. The fog was dense, and even Tier 6 players couldn't see beyond 50 yards. Meanwhile, as always, the members of the two parties were randomly scattered across the map when the match began.

This fog suppresses perception quite heavily. I can't sense anything outside of 100 yards. When Death Wind appeared on the battlefield and saw the fog around him, he quickly jumped onto the roof of a house and observed his surroundings. Fortunately, I'm not far from the town center. I can prepare an ambush in this area.

Crystallian players had weaker senses than human players. With visibility being reduced to just 50 yards, if he concealed his presence, he could virtually guarantee the enemy could only detect him once they were within 50 yards of him. For Tier 6 players, this was a distance that could be covered in an instant. If he could detect the enemy's movements before he was at risk of being discovered, he would undoubtedly have the upper hand in battle.

Immediately, Death Wind hid on the roof and concentrated on his senses, quietly waiting for his prey to show up so that he could vent his frustrations on them.

Originally, Death Wind thought he could make a name for himself through the Continental Championship. However, not only did he lose his bet with Shi Feng and have to surrender his Divine Weapon to the other party after the championship, but he had also failed to make any noteworthy accomplishments until now. If he still failed to display his worth, both the Seven Luminaries Alliance and Demon's Gate would stop taking him seriously.

Hence, it was imperative he killed a member of the Dead Soul Party in this match. Only by doing so could he redeem himself in front of the two apex powers. After all, the Dead Soul Party came in fourth in the last Continental Championship. Every member of the party was superior to the average chosen one nurtured by the various apex powers and destined to become an apex expert in the future.

If he could kill one of these experts by himself, whether it was the Seven Luminaries Alliance or Demon's Gate, they would invest heavily into his development so long as they weren't fools.

While Death Wind was patiently waiting on the rooftop, he sensed a presence entering his perception.

Dead Soul? Death Wind panicked a little.

The person who entered Death Wind's perception was a robust, seven-meter-tall Crystallian man. The man wore simple clothing and carried a war hammer as large as his body. The war hammer was the iconic weapon of Dead Soul, so the man's identity quickly became apparent to Death Wind.

Currently, Dead Soul was leisurely walking along the streets of the town. He behaved like he was only out for a stroll rather than participating in the Continental Championship.

Dammit! When Death Wind sensed Dead Soul moving closer to his location, he promptly turned around and fled. He originally thought he would catch a rabbit. He didn't expect to encounter a dragon.

"Not bad. That'll be one already." A moment after Death Wind began his escape, Dead Soul turned to look at the rooftop Death Wind previously hid on and swung his war hammer in its direction.

Suddenly, Death Wind, who had already fled over several hundred yards away, found himself immobilized. Then, his body crashed into the ground like a cannonball, sinking hundreds of meters deep. Before Death Wind could even wrap his mind around what happened, he was already standing outside the ring with the other participants.

Meanwhile, this development stunned the spectators.

Currently, in the screen that was supposed to show Death Wind's perspective, a crater measuring several hundred yards in radius could be seen, and it looked like a giant beast had walked through the area.

"A monster! He's an absolute monster!"

"So, this is the Dragon Hammer, huh?"

For players watching Dead Soul in action for the first time, they couldn't believe what they just saw. Even Death Wind, the person killed by Dead Soul, couldn't help but widen his eyes in disbelief.

Not only did Dead Soul's attack cover a massive radius, but it was also executed with incredible speed. In fact, everything happened so quickly that Death Wind could still see his body dissipating when he respawned outside the ring...

“What incredible Attack Speed!” Extreme Feather exclaimed as she watched Dead Soul making his way to the town center after eliminating Death Wind. “How is he considered only the second strongest expert among the Crystallians’ representatives?”

“It’s because his party only came in fourth in the last championship. But if we are comparing only in Attack Speed, Dead Soul is the best,” Garuda explained. “Honestly, If I hadn’t relied on my special Bloodline, I doubt I could have defeated him in the last championship. Unless he engages Rin in a fight, nobody can tell who is stronger.”

Garuda did not lower his voice when speaking. Hence, everyone in the venue could hear what he said, and those watching Dead Soul fight for the first time were greatly shocked. They never thought Dead Soul would be as strong, or possibly even stronger, than the Earthen Princess.

“Hmph.” Rin, who was now seated on the spectator stands, naturally overheard Garuda’s comment as well. However, she simply snorted and didn’t refute it.

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While the spectators were discussing Dead Soul’s strength, the Dragon Hammer encountered another member of the Verdant Rainbow Party. His opponent this time was a woman clad in a suit of white holy armor and armed with a greatsword. Currently, the woman quietly stood in the middle of the street as she watched him walk up to her.

“What an interesting human you are. You’ve clearly noticed me long ago, yet you chose not to run away,” Dead Soul said in a surprised tone as he entered within 50 yards of Gentle Snow.

“Our two parties will have to battle sooner or later. Since I can have a one-on-one fight right now, why should I run away?” Gentle Snow said calmly as she unsheathed the Chaos Windblade.

“Those are some bold words. I hope you have the strength to back up those words.” Dead Soul did not get angry at Gentle Snow’s words. Instead, he casually swung his war hammer at Gentle Snow like he was shooing a fly.

At the same time, Gentle Snow also made her move, her speed far exceeding what she previously exhibited. Immediately, the Chaos Windblade transformed into a dark thunderbolt.

Fleeting Thunderclap!

This was the Advanced Gold Combat Technique Gentle Snow had learned from the Sixth Goddess Tablet. The combat technique involved the user executing three consecutive strikes, each strike being stronger than the other. All three strikes were also executed beyond the user’s maximum Attack Speed, and they would eventually merge

into one attack that could exhibit power rivaling Primordial God-ranked Mana Techniques.

Subsequently, the dark thunderbolt could be seen splitting the sky and causing Dead Soul to stumble backward by half a step. Meanwhile, Gentle Snow stumbled three steps backward and lost 5% of her HP.

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How did her Strength improve so much? When Daystar saw Gentle Snow taking barely any damage from her exchange with Dead Soul, she couldn't help but grow confused.

Daystar vividly remembered that Gentle Snow's Strength was inferior to hers when they had previously fought. Naturally, Gentle Snow should not be a match for Dead Soul, either. After all, Dead Soul similarly had two Divine Artifacts equipped. And if he executed the Gold-ranked Implement Manipulation Technique he developed, he should thoroughly outclass Gentle Snow.

However, unbeknownst to Daystar, Gentle Snow had upgraded her equipment using Intermediate Divine Engraving Scrolls. Now, her equipment provided her with 30% more Basic Attributes than before. Combined with Fleeting Thunderclap, the power she could exhibit was not much weaker than what Dead Soul could exhibit with his Gold-ranked Implement Manipulation Technique.

Before Daystar could recover from her surprise, Gentle Snow executed Fleeting Thunderclap a second time against Dead Soul.

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## **Chapter 3732: Alternate Ending 806 - Top Four**

### **Chapter 806 – Top Four**

Dead Soul swung his war hammer again when he saw Gentle Snow executing her second attack. This time, though, he no longer took the fight lightly, the speed of his attack increasing considerably. The space around Gentle Snow also trembled much more as it collapsed in on her.

*Boom!*

However, despite Dead Soul's stronger attack, Gentle Snow split the collapsing space without fail. Additionally, the exchange this time resulted in Dead Soul and Gentle Snow stumbling back one step each.

*How is this possible?!* Death Wind, watching from outside the ring, was dumbfounded when he saw Gentle Snow coming out even with Dead Soul.

Death Wind had personally experienced Dead Soul's Attack Speed, so he knew how frightening it was. Even Unthinking Realm experts should have difficulty keeping up with that kind of Attack Speed, let alone Gentle Snow, who wasn't even at the Unthinking Realm.

Before Death Wind could snap out of his daze, Gentle Snow swung the Chaos Windblade and executed Fleeting Thunderclap for the third time.

This time, Gentle Snow's attack was so fast that many of the spectators failed to even see the movement of her arms. All they saw was a dark thunderbolt crossing the space between Gentle Snow and Dead Soul.

A moment later, Dead Soul stumbled three steps backward before he regained his footing. The war hammer he wielded also trembled violently, and his HP bar had decreased by 3%. The outcome of the third exchange was nearly identical to that of the first. Only, the positions of Dead Soul and Gentle Snow were reversed.

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"Who are you?" Dead Soul asked as he looked at Gentle Snow, who wasn't even one-third of his height, with furrowed brows.

"Zero Wing's Vice Guild Leader, Gentle Snow." Gentle Snow knew Dead Soul wasn't simply asking for her name. After all, the names of the members of both parties were published before the match began.

"Zero Wing's Vice Guild Leader?" Dead Soul looked at Gentle Snow in surprise. He had never heard of the Guild named Zero Wing, so it obviously wasn't one of the human race's apex powers. This meant that a Vice Guild Leader from a non-apex power had suppressed him. This was a huge surprise to him, and he couldn't help but laugh heartily. "You are the only person after the Divine Fist who managed to overwhelm me. Your sword technique must be at the Advanced Gold rank, right?"

The main reason Dead Soul lost to Garuda in the previous championship's semifinals was because of the other party's Advanced Gold Holy Art. Unlike ordinary Gold-ranked techniques, Advanced Gold-ranked techniques allowed players to transcend their limits. Hence, Garuda was able to surpass Dead Soul's Attack Speed and power. If it wasn't for Garuda's Advanced Gold Holy Art, their fight would have gone a lot differently.

"That's right," Gentle Snow frankly admitted. "I am no match for you in combat standards, so I can only rely on Fleeting Thunderclap to defeat you."

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Gentle Snow's response shocked Phoenix Flame, who was spectating outside the ring.

*Black Flame must be out of his mind! Why would he give such a precious opportunity to a Vice Guild Leader? Does he think he'll get a second chance at using the Sixth Goddess Tablet?* Phoenix Flame felt deeply confused and jealous as she looked at Gentle Snow.

Although Elise would often loan the Sixth Goddess Tablet to Phoenix Flame, she could afford to be so generous because she owned the tablet. In contrast, Shi Feng only had a day with the tablet. Yet, rather than using this opportunity for himself, he had given it to a subordinate. Phoenix Flame found his behavior utterly incomprehensible.

However, what Phoenix Flame found even more surprising was that Gentle Snow had managed to learn Fleeting Thunderclap, the strongest and most complex technique available in the Sixth Goddess Tablet. It was also the technique that Phoenix Flame had repeatedly tried but failed to learn. So, when Phoenix Flame saw Gentle Snow had learned the technique after only a day, how could she not be jealous?

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Meanwhile, inside the ring, Dead Soul took a deep breath to calm his nerves.

"Your Advanced Gold Combat Technique is indeed amazing, but executing it must take a huge toll on your Stamina and Concentration, right? My Sky-Splitting Hammer, on the other hand, is a self-developed Gold Implement Manipulation Technique. It costs me considerably less Stamina and Concentration to execute it than other Gold-ranked techniques." With renewed vigor, Dead Soul said, "Let's see who can last longer!"

Gentle Snow's expression darkened a little at Dead Soul's words. Indeed, while Fleeting Thunderclap was powerful, using it took a huge toll on her. With her Concentration being at the Tier 6 Intermediate standard only, she couldn't afford to use it many times in quick succession. At most, she could use it about ten times before she depleted her Concentration. To make matters worse, only the technique's third strike could damage Dead Soul. She would most certainly lose if she fought a protracted battle with Dead Soul.

However, just as Dead Soul was getting ready to resume the fight, he suddenly stopped, and his gaze grew solemn as he turned to look at a figure walking out of the fog.

"Snow might not be able to wear you out by herself, but what if she has help?" Shi Feng asked, smiling as he looked at Dead Soul's ugly expression.

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A moment later, the Verdant Rainbow Party was announced the winner of the match, and all the human players in the Crucible couldn't help but burst into excitement.

This was the first time the human race had two parties entering the top eight. More importantly, both parties had the potential to win the championship. It was especially so for the Verdant Rainbow Party. In addition to Shi Feng, an expert who could defeat the Arbiter of Death, the party also had Gentle Snow, who could face Dead Soul in direct combat. With two key experts in the Verdant Rainbow Party, the party would have a much greater chance at victory when going up against parties with only one key expert.

Verdant Rainbow was also excited by this situation, and she couldn't help but feel she had made the best decision in her life to recruit Zero Wing's assistance.

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Subsequently, the championship progressed as everyone expected. In the championship's third round, both the Star Maiden Party and the Verdant Rainbow Party defeated their opponents with ease, progressing into the top four and making the human spectators ecstatic.

In the last Continental Championship, not a single party from the human race managed to enter the top 8. This, in turn, led to the human race receiving less than 20% of the admission tickets for the Continental Championship.

Now that two human parties had entered the top 4, the human race would receive 35% of the admission tickets for the next Continental Championship. If one of these parties could win the championship, the human race would occupy 40% of the admission tickets like the Holy Race did last time. This would allow more chosen ones from the human race to compete for the Crucible's Legacies, expediting the growth of human players.

Amidst the human spectators' excitement, the semi-finals officially began.

First match: Star Maiden Party vs Ink Crystal Party.

"Go, Star Maiden! All hail the Star Maiden!"

"It seems the Star Maiden Party will be entering the finals this time."

"The humans lucked out this time. They went from not having anyone in the top 8 to having two parties in the top 4."

When the Star Maiden Party entered the ring with the Ink Crystal Party, many Holy Race and Crystallian players couldn't help but grow envious. After all, outside of ranking first in the preliminaries, the Ink Crystal Party had no outstanding battles throughout the championship. Even the opponents it was matched against were relatively weak, with



the strongest opponent being only a former top-8 party. Compared to the three other parties that had entered the top 4, the Ink Crystal Party's performance was inconspicuous.

However, Shi Feng, Garuda, Rin, Dead Soul, and a few other experts thought differently about the match-up. They all wore serious expressions as they watched the Crystallian girl named Ink Crystal enter the ring.

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## **Chapter 3733: Alternate Ending 807 - Ink Crystal**

### **Chapter 807 – Ink Crystal**

When the Star Maiden Party and the Ink Crystal Party appeared in the canyon designated as the battlefield for their match, Rin approached Garuda and curiously asked, "Who do you think will win?"

The Star Maiden Party's performance thus far could only be described as outstanding. Elise's ability to fully utilize her Divine Artifacts' potential made her utterly invincible, and she single-handedly dominated all of her party's opponents. In contrast, whether it was Ink Crystal or the Ink Crystal Party, both had displayed unremarkable performances thus far. Yet, it was an undeniable fact that the girl named Ink Crystal gave off an extremely dangerous feeling, and she was likely to be a pseudo-sixth-floor expert.

"All I can say is that the little girl is very dangerous," Garuda answered after some thought. "The feeling I get from her is the same as when I am in front of the old people from my Guild."

"The old people from your Guild?" Rin couldn't help but look at Ink Crystal's figure on the screen in surprise. "Doesn't that mean the Star Maiden is destined to lose?"

The Thunder Empire, the Guild Garuda belonged to, was one of the Holy Race's ten strongest Guilds. It was also among the three oldest royal powers among the Holy Race, and it was considerably well-known even among the Crystallian race.

Meanwhile, every one of the Thunder Empire's old monsters could strike fear into a royal power. They were all pseudo-sixth-floor experts who had developed their own Advanced Gold Holy Arts. They had also developed their Concentration to the Tier 6 Limit standard and hence could utilize 100% of their Divine Artifacts' potential.

"I wouldn't say that." After pondering for a moment, Garuda said, "Aside from having Tier 6 Limit Concentration, Elise has also learned a Primordial God-ranked Mana



Technique. Not to mention, that black book is essentially a copy of herself. Overall, I don't think she should be underestimated."

Rin didn't refute Garuda's statement, finding it reasonable.

Elise's black book was extraordinary. It was even more powerful than the Sun Dynasty's Sunlight Blade. On the surface, it might seem like the black book only allowed her to create an extra version of herself. However, it should be noted that it was a doppelganger that was invulnerable and did not consume Concentration to maintain.

There were many Doppelganger Skills in God's Domain, with some being able to create doppelgangers that could use all of the user's Skills. Some of these Skills could even create multiple such doppelgangers. However, while powerful, all of these Doppelganger Skills shared a flaw—they all required the user to split their attention to manipulate. This, in turn, placed a huge burden on the user's Concentration and prevented them from perfectly manipulating their doppelgangers.

However, the Star Maiden's black book was different. Besides being impervious to attacks, it could perfectly replicate Elise's Spells without any active manipulation, essentially granting Elise a double-casting buff.

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While Rin was chatting with Garuda, the members of the Star Maiden Party and the Ink Crystal Party quickly maneuvered through the canyon. The canyon had a muddy, forested terrain, and there were cliffs all around. The environment also prevented players from flying, so the members of both parties could only travel on foot. However, as the canyon's cliffs provided a panoramic view, it only took a few minutes before a chaotic melee broke out.

Unlike their party members, though, Elise and Ink Crystal did not participate in the fight. Instead, they walked toward each other as their party members were embroiled in battle.

"Aren't you going to help your party members?" Elise asked, wearing an indifferent expression as she looked at the Crystallian girl in front of her.

Glancing at the five-on-five fight happening in the distance, Ink Crystal chuckled and said, "What about you? Aren't you worried your party members might not be a match for mine? If we are comparing combat standards, my party members are superior."

Of Elise's five party members, only Phoenix Flame was at the Unthinking Realm. Although the other four were strong, they were only fifth-floor experts who had learned a set of Gold Combat Techniques. In comparison, Ink Crystal's party members consisted of two Unthinking Realm experts. Additionally, the three other members were slightly stronger than the four fifth-floor experts in Elise's party.

Unless Elise intervened, it was almost certain her party members would lose.

"I believe in their strength," Elise answered calmly. "Also, this is the ideal option for me. If I let you join the melee, my party's chances of winning will be slim."

Although Elise did not speak loudly, everyone from the audience could hear her clearly, and many couldn't help but be surprised by her evaluation. They didn't think an expert like Elise would be so wary of Ink Crystal, so much so that she would assume her party would lose in a full-blown battle with the Ink Crystal Party.

However, before the spectators could recover from their surprise, Elise spoke once more.

"I originally planned to swap opponents with the Verdant Rainbow Party again, but I decided against it after thinking about it," Elise stated. "Whether we swap or not, my party will still have to face you. Since everyone in the top four will get to enter the Crucible's central area, I might as well take you on first."

"I wouldn't say your judgment is incorrect, but are you sure you can defeat me?" Ink Crystal asked with a smile.

"Of course," Elise said as she turned to look at Phoenix Flame. Then, when she saw Phoenix Flame suddenly gaining a burst of strength and killing the Ink Crystal Party's two Unthinking Realm experts in one move, she understood the time had come. "After all, I won't be fighting you alone."

When the rankings for the preliminaries were announced, Elise only needed one look at Ink Crystal to understand the latter was an existence on par with Demon's Gate's old monsters. Hence, she grew vigilant of Ink Crystal, even more so than she was of Garuda and Rin. After all, she had watched Garuda's battles in the last championship, so she more or less knew what he was capable of. However, she knew nothing of Ink Crystal. The fact that Ink Crystal never met any decent opponents throughout the championship didn't help, either.

Fortunately, Phoenix Flame's strength improved significantly after she learned several Legacies from the Sixth Goddess Tablet. Although not as strong as experts like Rin and Garuda, she should be as strong as Gentle Snow after the latter had learned Fleeting Thunderclap.

So long as Phoenix Flame could quickly eliminate Ink Crystal's five party members, Elise was confident they could work together to defeat Ink Crystal.

While Elise spoke, Phoenix Flame charged at Ink Crystal in a straight line. Although the Ink Crystal Party's three fifth-floor experts remained alive, she judged that her four other party members should be enough to deal with them. Hence, she decided to regroup with Elise to fight Ink Crystal ahead of time.

“Very well!” Ink Crystal nodded, smiling as she raised a hand. Immediately, the many trees in the surroundings were uprooted and lifted into the air. “Let’s see if your words can hold true.”

Subsequently, before Elise could even react, Ink Crystal launched the hovering trees at Phoenix Flame.

The trees struck one another as they flew across the air, transferring their speed and Strength. This process repeated 15 times in the blink of an eye and resulted in the trees at the front achieving an Attack Speed that even Dead Soul, who spectated the match from outside the ring, had difficulty keeping up.

“Dodge!” Elise instinctively shouted.

Unfortunately, Elise’s warning came too late. Before Phoenix Flame could react, over a hundred accelerated trees bombarded her and erased her from the battlefield...

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## **Chapter 3734: Alternate Ending 808 - God Among Mortals**

Chapter 808 – God Among Mortals

*I died?*

Phoenix Flame blinked in confusion when she was resurrected outside the ring.

After using Nine Revolutions, an Advanced Gold Combat Technique, to eliminate the Ink Crystal Party’s two Unthinking Realm experts, Phoenix Flame promptly executed Void Walker, a Gold Body Technique, to blend herself with the void as she closed in on Ink Crystal. While executing Void Walker, both her speed and flexibility would increase dramatically. Although the main event’s battlefield prevented players from flying, she could still move at incredible speeds.

Additionally, the instant Phoenix Flame entered within a thousand yards of Ink Crystal and saw the latter sending countless trees in her direction, she instinctively executed Nine Revolutions again to defend herself.

However, Phoenix Flame’s defense was a complete joke in front of Ink Crystal’s attacks. Although she managed to deflect the first tree to reach her, the second tree smashed straight into her body. Then, before she could react, she was already resurrected outside the ring.

“What incredible Attack Speed.”

“It feels like her Attack Speed is at least twenty or thirty percent faster than Dead Soul’s.”

“Am I dreaming? Did she just combine fifteen attacks into one? She even did the same for over a hundred trees...”

Every participant in the Continental Championship was a chosen one of their respective race. Although most failed to perfectly grasp what happened, they could still more or less tell what Ink Crystal did. Not to mention, the Strength Combination technique Ink Crystal executed was a common technique known by virtually every player in God’s Domain.

Regardless of race, the most basic offensive techniques employed by players in God’s Domain typically involved some form of combination attack. Meanwhile, every additional attack would increase the Strength and speed of the combination attack, with the average expert in God’s Domain usually being able to combine three to four attacks and double their Strength.

For fifth-floor experts, the best they could accomplish was a 13-attack combination, though the majority could only accomplish a 12-attack combination. Although it was possible to go beyond these numbers, every additional attack would increase the technique’s complexity by a large margin. Even the various royal powers’ old monsters would be fortunate if they could achieve a 15-attack combination.

Yet, not only did Ink Crystal achieve a 15-attack combination, but she had also done so over a hundred times simultaneously. Compared to Ink Crystal, the various royal powers’ old monsters were nothing.

*How is she so strong?*

For the first time since the start of the Continental Championship, Rin and Dead Soul experienced fear. They never thought an Implement Manipulation Technique could be utilized to such an extent. They also understood that if they were in Phoenix Flame’s shoes, they, too, would most likely get killed in one move.

When it came to mastery over techniques, Ink Crystal was in a completely different dimension.

Meanwhile, Garuda also wore a solemn look as he gazed at Ink Crystal’s figure on the screen, his clenched fists trembling out of fear and excitement.

As for Verdant Rainbow and Death Wind, their mouths were agape with incredulity.

Although Phoenix Flame was not on the level of experts like Rin and Dead Soul, her fight with the Ink Crystal Party's two Unthinking Realm experts still showed she possessed incredible strength. With the use of her Advanced Gold Combat Technique, she should have no trouble holding her ground against experts like Rin and Dead Soul for a considerable amount of time.

Yet, Ink Crystal had crushed Phoenix Flame with a simple raise of her hand...

*Sure enough, she has reached the sixth-floor standard.* Unlike everyone else, Shi Feng wasn't particularly surprised when he saw Ink Crystal eliminating Phoenix Flame so easily. He was merely confused as he looked at the Crystallian girl.

In God's Domain, players would often joke that those beneath Tier 6 were no different than ants. Meanwhile, a similar saying existed for the World Tower's trials—those who couldn't reach the sixth floor were no different than ants.

This was because before players reached the sixth-floor standard, they would expend a lot of Stamina and Concentration when using Advanced Gold-ranked techniques. This held true even for pseudo-sixth-floor experts using their self-developed Advanced Gold-ranked techniques. While the cost of using self-developed techniques was lower, it wasn't negligible.

However, once players reached the sixth-floor standard, the cost of using Advanced Gold-ranked techniques would become negligible. In fact, they could achieve the standard of Advanced Gold-ranked techniques with their every move.

Even so, this wasn't the most frightening aspect of sixth-floor experts. What made sixth-floor experts truly terrifying was their Concentration. Although their Concentration would remain at the Tier 6 Limit standard, their Concentration pool would become seemingly inexhaustible. For this reason, they could multitask to an unbelievable extent, such as exhibiting 100% of their combat standard via numerous doppelgangers.

This was also why sixth-floor experts were regarded as gods among mortals. It was impossible for players beneath the sixth-floor standard to stand up against them.

*But the birth of every sixth-floor expert is earth-shattering news. Even if she's a Crystallian player, I should have heard of her. Not to mention, she is already a sixth-floor expert despite being so young. She should be a prime target of attention for the Seven Luminaries Alliance. There's no way there would be zero information on her.* Shi Feng was puzzled as he looked at Ink Crystal's incredibly young visage.

Every sixth-floor expert was the foundation of their race.

In Shi Feng's previous life, the primary reason the human race was inferior to the Holy Race was that the human race had fewer sixth-floor experts than the Holy Race. This, in turn, forced the human race to limit their operations to only a corner of the Eternal

Realm, unable to uncover its hidden secrets. The situation was so bad that the various human powers never even learned the whereabouts of the Crystallian race's continent.

The Crystallian race didn't fare much better. Back then, the Holy Race had grown so powerful that the Crystallian race couldn't even afford to face them directly. It was especially so when it came to their younger generation. However, that was only because Ink Crystal wasn't among the Crystallian's younger generation. Had a teenage sixth-floor expert like Ink Crystal appeared, the Holy Race's chosen ones would have become a joke.

Yet, Shi Feng had never heard of a monster like Ink Crystal in his previous life. This was a truly confusing situation.

If a sixth-floor expert appeared in the current Eternal Realm, it would instantly create a gap that could not be bridged with numbers alone. Under Ink Crystal's lead, the Crystallians could take over the Eternal Realm with ease.

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Inside the forested canyon...

"It seems she isn't as strong as you described," Ink Crystal said after erasing Phoenix Flame's existence. Then, she returned her gaze to Elise and continued, "Alright, it's only you and me now."

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## **Chapter 3735: Alternate Ending 809 - Two-Fold Primordial God-Ranked Mana Technique**

Chapter 809 – Two-Fold Primordial God-Ranked Mana Technique

"Manifold Execution? You've reached *that* realm already?"

Elise's expression grew solemn as she looked at Ink Crystal, behaving like she was looking at some kind of monster. Although she spoke like she was asking a question, her tone was that of shock rather than questioning.

"It seems you know a lot." Ink Crystal did not answer Elise's question. Instead, she leisurely walked up to Elise and said, "Since you know I've reached *that* realm already, you should know that whether it is the Holy Race or the human race, neither has any hope of defeating me. Naturally, the champion's reward will be mine."

However, Elise suddenly chuckled when she heard Ink Crystal's words.

“So what if you’ve reached *that* realm?” Elise said. Then, she opened the black book she wielded and smiled, saying, “I initially thought Garuda was the only person I needed to take seriously in this championship. I didn’t think you would be the first opponent I would take seriously.”

As soon as Elise finished speaking, the aura she exuded skyrocketed in intensity. Simultaneously, over a dozen meteorites appeared above the battlefield, blotting out the sky and creating an apocalyptic scene.

This scene stunned everyone spectating the match. They never thought such a development would occur in this match.

Not only did a monster like Ink Crystal appear, but even Elise, whose party only made it into the top 16 in the last championship, had become a monster that everyone present could only look up to in awe.

*How is this possible?!* Rin was dumbfounded when she saw the meteorites above the battlefield.

When Rin previously fought Elise, the latter had obliterated her using Star Destroyer. Hence, she knew exactly how powerful the Skill was.

Originally, Rin thought that Star Destroyer should be Elise’s strongest move, but what was going on right now?

At this time, Ink Crystal was similarly surprised to see the meteorites Elise summoned.

“Have you also reached the sixth-floor standard?” Ink Crystal asked, surprise coloring her face.

Star Destroyer was a Profound Skill that came with Elise’s Divine Weapon. Under normal circumstances, players shouldn’t be able to use multiple instances of a Profound Skill. Only players who had reached the sixth-floor standard should be able to do so. This was also one of the reasons sixth-floor experts could crush those beneath the sixth-floor standard.

However, out of everyone watching the match, nobody was more surprised than Shi Feng right now.

*What is going on?* Shi Feng couldn’t help but feel the entire world had become foreign to him as he looked at Elise.

As far as Shi Feng could recall, the human race had only started to give birth to sixth-floor experts after the war between the human race and the Holy Race began. In fact, even the Holy Race, as mighty as they were, did not have any sixth-floor experts before the war.



Yet, now, not only had an absurdly young sixth-floor expert like Ink Crystal appeared among the Crystallian race, but even Elise had reached the sixth-floor standard already. This was simply unbelievable.

“Madness! This is madness!”

“I must be dreaming! How are the Crystallians and humans’ younger generation so strong?!”

Meanwhile, amidst the spectators’ silence and ravings, the dozen or so meteorites descended toward Ink Crystal. The power the meteorites exuded was so overbearing that even players outside the ring knew evasion was not an option. The meteorites would most certainly obliterate the entire battlefield, and they were no longer a force that individual players could hope to stop by themselves.

However, Ink Crystal did not panic. Instead, she calmly stared at the descending meteorites as the cane she wielded emitted a dark green glow. Immediately afterward, countless massive vines emerged from the ground and attacked the meteorites.

*Boom... Boom... Boom...*

As the meteorites and vines collided, deafening sounds of explosions and devastating shockwaves spread across the battlefield. The entire canyon map crumbled, and the falling debris crushed Elise’s and Ink Crystal’s remaining party members.

When the dust settled on the battlefield, the spectators subconsciously gasped when they saw Elise and Ink Crystal again.

At this time, the two could be seen standing in the middle of a desolate wasteland. What used to be a forested canyon was now a barren desert with mending spatial fissures in the background.

Although many parties had performed beyond expectations thus far, their performances were still within everyone’s acceptance range. However, that was not the case for the battle between Elise and Ink Crystal. Their battle could no longer be considered a battle between players. Or, more specifically, it couldn’t be considered a battle between mortals. Instead, it looked more like a battle between Gods, and even experts like the Earthen Princess would likely die from just the shockwaves of this battle.

Meanwhile, after Elise was done unleashing her barrage of Star Destroyers, her complexion turned slightly pale, and drops of sweat flowed down from her forehead. It was obvious the move had taken a significant toll on her Concentration. In contrast, Ink Crystal looked no different than before, and it did not look like she had exerted herself in defending against Elise’s attack.

“Although I don’t know what method you used, it doesn’t seem like you’ve truly reached the sixth-floor standard,” Ink Crystal calmly stated as she looked at the bottomless craters surrounding her. “If this is all you’ve got, your defeat is inevitable.”

Ink Crystal’s words shocked the spectators.

“What did she just say?”

“Elise still hasn’t reached *that* realm despite being so strong?”

When the spectators saw Elise’s strength, many felt that she had already reached the rumored sixth-floor standard. Yet, according to Ink Crystal, that didn’t seem to be the case.

“It is true that I have yet to reach the sixth-floor standard. I can temporarily reach it only with the power of the black book,” Elise frankly admitted with a smile. “However, even if my expenditure is greater, which one of us will emerge victorious remains to be seen!”

After saying so, Elise raised her black book and created a twofold magic array covering the entire battlefield. As soon as she did so, her complexion turned deathly pale, a sign that she had pushed her Concentration to its limits.

Meanwhile, when the twofold magic array appeared, Shi Feng, who was seated outside the ring, couldn’t help but be shocked.

*Obsidian!* Shi Feng shouted in his mind when he saw the twofold magic array above the battlefield. He never thought Elise would have such a trump card hidden.

Obsidian was a Primordial God-ranked Mana Technique. It was also one of the Legacies recorded in the Sixth Goddess Tablet. The Mana Technique allowed players to reproduce any Skill or Spell they had recently used, and this included the Profound Skills of Divine Artifacts. However, the stronger the Skill or Spell, the more difficult it would be to reproduce. Normally, it would already be challenging to reproduce a Divine Artifact’s Skills, let alone do it twice simultaneously.

Subsequently, apocalyptic meteorites appeared above the battlefield once more. This time, though, their numbers had doubled.

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## Chapter 3736: Alternate Ending 810 - Frightening Ink Crystal

Chapter 810 – Frightening Ink Crystal

*How can she use that move again so soon?* Rin was at a loss for words when she saw the meteorites that covered the sky.

It was commonly known that while the Profound Skills of Divine Artifacts were powerful, they all had long Cooldowns. This could be regarded as a restriction imposed on Divine Artifacts.

Originally, Rin had already found it astonishing that Elise could multicast her Divine Artifact's Profound Skill. With such an ability, Elise could easily destroy a Holy City and influence the outcome of a war by herself.

Yet, as if that wasn't enough, Elise could seemingly bypass the Cooldown of her Divine Artifact's Profound Skill and double the number of instances she used...

*Is she really the Elise that I know?*

At this time, even Verdant Rainbow, who was relatively familiar with Elise, couldn't help but be dumbfounded. She never thought Elise was strong to such an extent.

Now, not even Demon's Gate's old monsters could hold a candle to Elise, let alone those from the human race's younger generation.

Aside from Basic Attributes, what made Divine Artifacts powerful was their Profound Skills. They were typically stronger than the Tier 6 Skills and Spells of players. However, due to the rarity of Divine Artifacts, players tended to use their Divine Artifacts' Profound Skills with caution. This was because Profound Skills had very long Cooldowns; players could often only use each Profound Skill once per battle.

Even so, one use of a Profound Skill was usually enough to turn the tide of battle. Hence, Verdant Rainbow found it unbelievable that Elise could go against common sense and use her Divine Artifact's Profound Skill without Cooldown.

Meanwhile, when Shi Feng saw Elise using a Twofold Obsidian, realization dawned upon him. He was previously confused about why Elise would use Star Destroyer as soon as her fight with Ink Crystal began. Now, he finally understood why she had done so.

Although Elise could artificially raise her combat standard to the sixth-floor standard, she would be courting death if she tried to compete with a bona fide sixth-floor expert in combat standards. Hence, she could only rely on the Profound Skills of her Divine Artifacts to achieve victory.

Meanwhile, in a situation where both sides had two Divine Artifacts and could utilize them to their fullest extent, whether Elise could exhaust Ink Crystal's arsenal of Profound Skills became critical. If Elise succeeded, even Ink Crystal would have difficulty resisting the full might of a Divine Artifact. After all, not everyone would have

learned a technique like Obsidian. If Ink Crystal was caught off-guard, she would likely get killed.

“Try to block this if you can!” Elise shouted as she raised her hand and called the meteorites in the sky down on Ink Crystal.

Meanwhile, Ink Crystal’s situation was as Elise expected. Previously, Ink Crystal had exhausted Blooming Thorn to defend against Elise’s Star Destroyer. Blooming Thorn was the only Super-large-scale Destruction Profound Skill attached to the cane, and it had a long Cooldown of one hour. Although she still had other Profound Skills available, none could match the scale and power of Elise’s Star Destroyer.

However, even as the 30-plus meteorites were about to make contact, Ink Crystal did not panic. Calmly, she released her cane, letting it fall and submerge into the ground. Then, in the blink of an eye, spears made of vines emerged from the ground, forming several protective layers around Ink Crystal.

Subsequently, space across the battlefield distorted, and every meteorite that crashed into the vine barriers was deflected to the surroundings.

*Divine Wheel?! Impossible! How did she learn it?!*

When Rin and Dead Soul saw the spatial distortion induced by the vine barriers, their eyes bulged and nearly popped out of their sockets.

Gold-ranked Implement Manipulation Techniques were relatively common in the Crystallian race’s Greater God’s Domain. However, when it came to defense-type Gold Implement Manipulation Techniques, only one could be considered to have reached the Peak standard—Divine Wheel. It was also the only Peak Gold Implement Manipulation Technique made publicly available for all Crystallian players to learn by the Crystallian race’s sacred land.

However, although many years had passed since Divine Wheel was made publicly available, not a single player had learned it. Because of this, many regarded it as a technique that could not be learned.

Before Rin and Dead Soul could snap out of their daze, Ink Crystal’s vine barriers had already deflected all of Elise’s meteorites. Immediately afterward, the vine spears making up the vine barriers rose into the air and lingered around Ink Crystal for a moment. Then, they scattered to the surroundings at lightning speed, stirring up a storm that was as powerful as Elise’s Star Destroyer.

*Boom!*

A deafening thunder echoed across the battlefield. In the blink of an eye, the land split into thousands of pieces, and these pieces quietly hovered in the dark void that was

now the battlefield. As for Elise, she had already appeared outside the ring before anyone realized it.

“The Star Maiden lost? Just like that?”

“Incredible! That girl is an absolute monster! The storm created by those vines has definitely reached the standard of Peak Gold Implement Manipulation Techniques!”

“Is she really only in her teens? How can someone so young learn two Peak Gold Implement Manipulation Techniques already?”

Many among the spectators were in disbelief when they saw the devastated battlefield and the defeated Star Maiden.

In God’s Domain, very few players could successfully learn Peak Gold-ranked techniques. Those who managed to do so were typically old monsters who were centuries old. Yet, despite being in her teens, Ink Crystal had not only reached the legendary sixth-floor standard, but she had also learned two Peak Gold-ranked techniques...

A short moment after everyone was immersed in shock, though, the Crystallian players suddenly started to cheer in celebration.

Previously, many Crystallian spectators were devastated when they saw Rin and Dead Soul getting defeated by humans. Some even fell into despair, thinking they had fallen to the bottom of the three races. But now, because of Ink Crystal, the Crystallian race would become the undisputed champion among the three races.

In front of Ink Crystal, the likes of Garuda and Elise were nothing but jokes.

“All hail our Goddess Ink Crystal! Our race will become the champion this time!”

“Just this time? Don’t you mean this time and for many years to come? Have you forgotten that our goddess is only in her teens?”

“Indeed! Even if the Holy Race’s Divine Fist is strong, I doubt he is much stronger than the Star Maiden. The same goes for Black Flame, the guy who defeated Dead Soul. Not to mention, both Garuda and Black Flame are much older than our Goddess Ink Crystal. The gap between them will only grow bigger in the future.”

At this time, whether it was the Crystallian participants or spectators, they all wore looks of excitement and worship as they stared at Ink Crystal’s calm visage.

Although not clearly stated on the admission tickets, the three races had tacitly agreed to send only experts under the age of 35 to participate in the Continental Championship. With the Crucible of the Ancients being the home to countless powerful Legacies, so

long as Ink Crystal could keep winning the Continental Championship and letting the Crystallian race secure the most admission tickets out of the three races, it would only be a matter of time before the Crystallian race became the strongest out of the three races.

Unlike the Crystallian players, the Holy Race and human players in the Crucible wore ugly expressions on their faces. They never thought Ink Crystal would be so terrifyingly strong, so much so that they couldn't help but suspect she was an old monster in disguise. With her existence, it wouldn't even be strange if the Eternal Realm fell into the hands of the Crystallian race in the future, let alone the Crucible of the Ancients.

While everyone in the Crucible was engaged in a heated discussion, the second match of the semifinals was announced.

"Next up will be the semifinals' second match! May the Divine Fist Party and the Verdant Rainbow Party enter the ring!"

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## **Chapter 3737: Alternate Ending 811 - Battling the Divine Fist Party**

### **Chapter 811 – Battling the Divine Fist Party**

When the Divine Fist Party and Verdant Rainbow Party members entered the ring, a sympathetic discussion began among the spectators.

"How unfortunate. Although the Divine Fist Party won the last championship, it's destined to win only second place this time."

"Personally, I think the Star Maiden Party is even unluckier. The party is clearly qualified to compete for second place, yet it encountered Ink Crystal in the semifinals."

"I know, right? If the Star Maiden Party had not swapped opponents with the Verdant Rainbow Party earlier on, it could have very well finished in second place, receiving significantly better rewards."

"Indeed. I wanted to see the Star Maiden Party fight the Divine Fist Party. The intensity of the fight should be equal to the fight with the Ink Crystal Party."

Many spectators were still immersed in the previous match. They all sympathized with the Star Maiden Party's situation. As for the semifinals' second match, nobody really thought about it. After all, the previous match was so exciting and intense that it was difficult for anyone to recover in a short time.

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Outside the ring...

"Your Highness, Black Flame has profited off us greatly this time," Phoenix Flame said as she begrudgingly watched Shi Feng enter the ring with his party.

If the Star Maiden Party hadn't swapped opponents with the Verdant Rainbow Party, it could have secured second place in the championship at the very least. Yet, now, it could only settle for a spot in the top 4.

In contrast, not only did the Verdant Rainbow Party get to avoid a fight with the Earthen Princess Party and enter the top 4 with ease, but Gentle Snow also learned a Legacy from the Sixth Goddess Tablet.

"I wouldn't necessarily say that," Elise said as she glanced at Garuda's figure in the ring. "Garuda is the former champion. He must have received an extraordinary reward from the Crucible, so even I can't confidently say I can defeat him in my current state."

"Let's just hope they don't lose too miserably. Otherwise, we really will be made fun of for swapping opponents." Phoenix Flame agreed with Elise that the Divine Fist Party shouldn't be underestimated. It was also why they decided to take the risk and face the Ink Crystal Party first.

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Meanwhile, at the spectator stands...

"Commander Azure, do you think Guild Leader Black Flame's party can win?" Frost Raven asked, her eyes glimmering with expectation when she saw Shi Feng's party entering the ring. Although she knew the human race could no longer win the Continental Championship this time, she still couldn't help but be excited to see Shi Feng, a fellow Swordsman, leading his party into the top 4.

The Swordsman class did not excel in Strength like Berserkers or Agility like Assassins. Because of this, the class was heavily disadvantaged when fighting Holy Race players, who were strong in all physical aspects, and Crystallian players, who excelled in Attack Speed.

Yet, Shi Feng still managed to defeat Daystar and Dead Soul, the former being the Holy Race's Arbiter of Death and the latter being the player with the fastest Attack Speed among the Crystallian race's representatives. How could Frost Raven not get excited after seeing these accomplishments?

"I can't say for sure, but I don't think the odds favor them," Azure Dragon said, a hint of fear flashing in his eyes as he looked at Garuda's figure on the screen. "Garuda is the



former champion and superior to Rin when it comes to individual strength. It's been some time since the last championship, so he should have already digested the Legacy he acquired from the Crucible's central area and become much stronger.

"Although Black Flame managed to defeat the Arbiter of Death and the Dragon Hammer, I wouldn't put my money on him beating Garuda one-on-one. Right now, I think the Verdant Rainbow Party's only option to win is to eliminate Garuda's party members before they can regroup. Otherwise, if Garuda is allowed to regroup with even a couple of his party members, the Verdant Rainbow Party's chances will plummet. After all, Garuda isn't the only strong player in the Divine Fist Party this time."

After saying so, Azure Dragon shifted his attention toward a female Holy Race player with an icy expression. This player was none other than Extreme Feather, who had encountered Shi Feng before.

Compared to the other participants, Azure Dragon had a much better understanding of Extreme Feather's capabilities. This was because he had fought her in an ancient ruin in the southern region and near the Western Continent.

At the time, Azure Dragon's party consisted of the Order of Twelve's Great Commander and five of the Order's commanders, himself included. Their party had encountered and fought Extreme Feather when she was alone. Yet, despite their numerical advantage, they lost. Not only that, but Extreme Feather had also slain four of the Order's commanders while suppressing the Great Commander.

The fight's outcome was so humiliating that everyone in the party agreed to keep the matter a secret. Hence, none of the other members of the Order of Twelve knew about it.

Moreover, it should be known that Extreme Feather had not been using the two Divine Artifact-ranked moon glaives she was currently using. Now that she was equipped with two Divine Weapons, she was definitely much stronger than when Azure Dragon faced her in the ancient ruin. Even if she wasn't as strong as the Divine Fist, she should not be weaker than Dead Soul or Rin.

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While Azure Dragon was watching Extreme Feather maneuver her way around a stone maze, she suddenly paused and turned toward a particular direction, looking like she had detected something. A moment later, she transformed into a streak of light as she advanced toward a corner of the maze, her speed so fast that it amazed even experts who had learned Gold Body Techniques.

"How fast!"

"What kind of Movement Speed is this? It's practically as fast as my Attack Speed!"

The spectators watching Extreme Feather were shocked by her Movement Speed. Extreme Feather moved like she was using Instantaneous Movement, covering several hundred yards in the blink of an eye. Nobody could even begin to imagine how terrifying she could be if she paired this Movement Speed with her moon glaives, weapons known for having a high Attack Speed.

Meanwhile, after Extreme Feather sped down a corridor and turned a corner in the stone maze, she stopped a short distance in front of a human Swordsman. The human Swordsman was none other than Shi Feng.

“So it’s you.” Extreme Feather’s icy expression became several degrees colder as she looked at Shi Feng, who stood less than 100 yards away. “You might have gotten lucky and escaped after looting the treasury last time, but you won’t be as lucky this time.”

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Outside the ring, Azure Dragon was greatly shocked when he heard Extreme Feather’s words. He hadn’t thought Shi Feng had encountered and clashed with Extreme Feather long ago. Moreover, it sounded like Shi Feng had emerged victorious in their clash.

Meanwhile, as soon as Extreme Feather finished speaking, she charged Shi Feng, leaving a trail of light, her moon glaives poised to strike. A moment later, several hundred glowing blades appeared around Shi Feng, the display of Attack Speed giving Dead Soul goosebumps as he spectated from outside the ring.

*Dammit! Another Advanced Gold Holy Art?! How many of these monsters are there?!*

Dead Soul suddenly felt old as he looked at Extreme Feather’s elusive figure.

In the last Continental Championship, Garuda was the only participant who had learned an Advanced Gold-ranked technique. Yet, in this season, aside from Ink Crystal, who had learned a Peak Gold Implement Manipulation Technique[1], the human race’s Gentle Snow had also learned an Advanced Gold Combat Technique, while the Divine Fist Party’s Extreme Feather had learned an Advanced Gold Holy Art. All of a sudden, it felt like Advanced Gold-ranked techniques were now available wholesale...

TL Notes:

[1]Peak Gold Implement Manipulation Technique:

I have decided to change “top-tier Gold...” to “Peak Gold.”

I will also make the same changes to Flowing Space’s description in Chapter 455. Long story short, the author used different characters for technique ranks (普通-Basic, 高等-Advanced, 顶级-Peak), and I misinterpreted it. It’s especially confusing when things

like Concentration have easily understood ranks (初级-Basic、中级-Intermediate、高级-Advanced、顶级-Peak). Fyi, the characters 等 (Děng) and 级 (Jí) can both mean rank, while 普通 just means ordinary/normal.

Hence, Flowing Space is now a Peak Gold Body Technique rather than a top-tier Gold Body Technique. It would also explain why Flowing Space's Second Step, Phantom Body, can already rank number one out of all Basic Gold Body Techniques.

## Chapter 3738: Alternate Ending 812 - Half-Step Mortal God

### Chapter 812 – Half-Step Mortal God

*As expected of the Angel of Death.* Shi Feng smiled when he saw the several hundred glowing blades attacking him from all directions. *It's a pity this move is useless against me.*

Suddenly, Shi Feng vanished, and over 50 phantom bodies appeared behind the congregating blades. The phantom bodies looked incredibly realistic, and it was impossible to distinguish Shi Feng's real body from them.

*Impossible!* Extreme Feather was dumbfounded as she looked at Shi Feng's scattering phantom bodies. She couldn't believe that Shi Feng managed to evade all her attacks.

The Holy Art she just used was Void Body. It was considered top-tier, even among Advanced Gold Holy Arts. The technique involved strengthening her body with Holy Aura to better integrate with the surrounding space. This, in turn, allowed her to achieve incredible speeds, which consequently increased the power she could exhibit.

When she paired Void Body with the Thunderclap Moonglaives, the Divine Weapons she wielded, she was confident she could kill even Dead Soul in one exchange. Yet, the hundreds of attacks she had just executed failed to even graze the edge of Shi Feng's equipment...

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At this time, the spectators were similarly surprised and confused by this development.

"When did he become so fast?" Moon Demon and Holy Blood were in disbelief when their eyes failed to keep up with Shi Feng's movements. "Was he still hiding his strength when we fought?"

Previously, Shi Feng had to rely on his Law Projection to kill them. Even in his fight with Dead Soul, Shi Feng still needed to rely on his Law Projection to defeat the Dragon Hammer despite having Gentle Snow's assistance.

So, what in the world was happening right now?

Currently, simply looking at the speed Shi Feng was achieving with his body technique was enough to instill a feeling of helplessness in Moon Demon and Holy Blood.

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Besides Moon Demon and Holy Blood, Dead Soul similarly couldn't help but widen his eyes when he saw Shi Feng's speed.

All the afterimages Shi Feng created were indistinguishable from the real deal. It wouldn't matter if Dead Soul's Attack Speed remained superior in such a situation. If he failed to locate the real Shi Feng and attacked an afterimage, he would have exerted himself for nothing and become open to attacks. If comparing threat levels, Shi Feng's Movement Speed was greater than even Gentle Snow's Fleeting Thunderclap.

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What Moon Demon, Holy Blood, and Dead Soul didn't know was that Flowing Space was a Peak Gold Body Technique developed by the Goddess of Space. Even though Shi Feng was only executing the technique's second level, Phantom Body, it could already rival Advanced Gold Body Techniques in speed.

Additionally, although Extreme Feather had two Divine Weapons equipped, it should be known that Shi Feng's Basic Attributes were currently on par with that of a Level 190, Tier 6 player equipped with three Divine Artifacts. So, even though Extreme Feather had two Divine Weapons equipped, she would still have difficulty landing any attacks on him.

After all, even small differences in Basic Attributes could lead to significant differences in the effects that combat techniques of the same rank could achieve, let alone a difference in one Divine Artifact's worth of Basic Attributes.

Before Extreme Feather could create some distance between them, Shi Feng unsheathed the Shadow Incinerator and Winter of Eternal Night. Subsequently, the two swords transformed into countless dazzling stars that followed Shi Feng's phantom bodies across the maze corridor.

Gold Combat Technique, Sword's Orbit!

Gold Combat Technique, Flowing Space's Phantom Body!

The simultaneous use of two Gold Combat Techniques. This was something Shi Feng could only accomplish after his base Concentration had reached the Tier 6 Peak standard. Although Sword's Orbit was only a Basic Gold Combat Technique, when paired with the extraordinary Flowing Space, it could rival offense-type Advanced Gold Combat Techniques.

Although Extreme Feather did her best to defend against the countless sword lights that filled the maze corridor, she failed to block them all. In less than three seconds, her HP zeroed out, and she died.

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"She got killed? Just like that?"

"How is Black Flame so strong?!"

Many spectators were stunned when they saw Extreme Feather getting eliminated. Phoenix Flame, who had been paying close attention to Shi Feng, was especially shocked.

Extreme Feather's performance was in no way inferior to Dead Soul's and Rin's. In Phoenix Flame's opinion, if Shi Feng had to work together with Gentle Snow to eliminate Dead Soul, he should not stand a chance against Extreme Feather by himself.

Yet, Shi Feng had defied expectations and eliminated Extreme Feather. Moreover, he had accomplished it so quickly that it wouldn't be an exaggeration to say he was nearly as strong as Elise. After all, although Shi Feng's performance was not as spectacular as Elise's, he still managed to eliminate an expert of Rin's caliber in a very short time.

Meanwhile, following Extreme Feather's defeat, many spectators started to take an interest in the match that they previously thought would be uneventful.

As the former champion, there was no doubt Garuda was stronger than Rin and Dead Soul. If Shi Feng's strength was limited such that he could only defeat an expert like Dead Soul by relying on his Law Projection and Gentle Snow's assistance, the Verdant Rainbow Party would definitely lose. However, if Garuda had to fight two experts of Rin's caliber simultaneously, the outcome would become uncertain.

While the spectators were discussing the match's outcome, Gentle Snow, Verdant Rainbow, Fervent Samsara, Heavy Abyss, and Death Wind had successfully regrouped and encountered the four-armed Garuda in one of the maze's halls.

"What the fuck?! Can Black Flame get any luckier?!" Phoenix Flame subconsciously cursed out loud when she saw the latest development shown on the screen.

Currently, in addition to Gentle Snow's group encountering Garuda by himself, Shi Feng was also within 3,000 yards of them. Once Gentle Snow's group engaged Garuda in battle, the commotion generated would definitely catch Shi Feng's notice. With Shi Feng's monstrous speed, it wouldn't take him more than a couple of seconds to reach the battlefield.

At that time, Garuda would have to face the entire Verdant Rainbow Party by himself. In such a situation, the Divine Fist's chances of victory would be slim. After all, Gentle Snow and Verdant Rainbow were not pushovers. Gentle Snow was strong enough to hold her ground against Dead Soul, while Verdant Rainbow could rely on her Divine Weapon to attack Garuda from range. If an expert like Verdant Rainbow attacked with all her might, not even Garuda could afford to ignore her attacks.

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However, contrary to Phoenix Flame's expectations, Garuda remained calm despite facing Gentle Snow's group of five.

"Your luck truly is rotten to encounter me first," Garuda said as he leisurely stood up. He did not put his guard up in the slightest, behaving like Gentle Snow's group was akin to a small pack of harmless monsters.

"Don't get so full of yourself, Garuda. There are five of us here. Even if you are stronger than Rin, you won't have an easy time defeating us," Death Wind said, sneering.

"Don't get careless. He is definitely stronger than he was in the last championship," Verdant Rainbow said as she glared at Death Wind. Although she somewhat agreed with what Death Wind said, she doubted the five of them could defeat the player regarded as the number one expert in the last Continental Championship. At the very least, it wouldn't be an easy victory.

"If any of you were as strong as Elise, I might have taken you more seriously." Looking at Death Wind, Garuda said coldly, "But none of you are, so don't talk yourselves up so much."

As soon as Garuda finished speaking, a giant phantom over 1,000 meters tall appeared around him. The phantom had a hundred arms, and it radiated an aura as strong as that of an Ancient Saint.

Meanwhile, the moment the hundred-armed giant appeared, a look of surprise flashed in the eyes of both Elise and Ink Crystal.

"A Half-step Mortal God?"

TL Notes:

[1]Half-step Mortal God:

The “God (神明)” in this instance isn’t referring to the Gods (神灵)/Ancient Gods (上古神灵)/Primordial Gods (远古神灵) in God’s Domain. Instead, it is referencing Chapter 808’s title “God Among Mortals.” (神,神明,神灵 all translate to God, so idk man.)

## Chapter 3739: Alternate Ending 813 - Black Flame and Garuda

Chapter 813 – Black Flame and Garuda

“Is this Garuda’s trademark move, Myriad Fists?”

“What a powerful phantom. It’s more than twice as big as it was in the last championship. Its aura is also nearly as strong as a bona fide Ancient Saint.”

“Wait, this can’t be Garuda’s self-developed Myriad Fists! Shouldn’t it only be at the Gold Holy Art standard? This phantom’s aura can already rival that of Ancient Saints. It should be at the Advanced Gold Holy Art standard at the very least.”

Many spectators who had watched Garuda in the last Continental Championship were shocked when they saw the 1,000-meter-tall phantom. It was especially so for those from the Holy Race. This was because the phantom Garuda summoned last time didn’t even reach 500 meters. They hadn’t expected Garuda to improve so much since the last championship.

There was a huge disparity between Basic and Advanced Gold Holy Arts. Among the Holy Race’s royal powers, players who could grasp Basic Gold Holy Arts would only be treated as a chosen one and nothing more. However, for players who could grasp Advanced Gold Holy Arts, the various royal powers would treat them as future Guild Leaders.

As for players who could develop their own Advanced Gold Holy Art, not even the Holy Race’s royal powers would dare to think of having any such players.

Learning someone else’s technique and developing one’s own technique might ultimately lead to one learning a technique, but there was a qualitative difference between the two processes. When one learned another person’s technique, one could, at most, execute it normally. However, when executing a self-developed technique, in addition to being able to execute it normally, one could also reduce one’s Stamina and Concentration expenditure to a great extent.



Given an expert who could only use an Advanced Gold Holy Art two or three times and an expert who could use it over a dozen times, the result of a clash between the two was obvious. In fact, it wouldn't even be strange if an expert who managed to develop their own Advanced Gold Holy Art could simultaneously fight two or three experts who had only learned another person's Advanced Gold Holy Art.

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While the other spectators were shocked by Garuda's self-developed Advanced Gold Holy Art, Phoenix Flame looked at Elise in astonishment.

"Your Highness, did you say he is a Half-step Mortal God?" When Phoenix Flame overheard Elise's mutterings, she couldn't help but doubt her ears.

"Yes. He has indeed reached *that* step already," Elise said solemnly.

"He's actually reached it ahead of you? Could he have acquired a Legacy superior to the Sixth Goddess Tablet?" Phoenix Flame couldn't help but turn to look at Garuda's figure on the screen in shock.

As Elise's close confidant and student, Phoenix Flame knew what it meant to be a Half-step Mortal God.

It was a term used to refer to players close to becoming a sixth-floor expert, also known as a Mortal God. To be considered a Half-step Mortal God, players would need to fulfill two requirements: develop their own Advanced Gold-ranked technique and raise their Concentration to the Tier 6 Limit standard.

In reality, once players reached the standard of a Half-step Mortal God, their ascension into a Mortal God was virtually guaranteed. All they needed to do was have their Concentration undergo metamorphosis to be able to apply Manifold Execution.

However, unlike Ink Crystal, whose background was shrouded in mystery, Garuda had participated in the previous Continental Championship. Hence, there was detailed information available on him.

In the last championship, Garuda's Concentration standard was the same as Elise's; both were at the Tier 6 Advanced standard. Even the Holy Art he developed barely reached the Gold standard and was nowhere near the Advanced Gold standard.

Although Elise managed to advance her Concentration to the Tier 6 Limit standard before the current Continental Championship, she only managed it because of the Sixth Goddess Tablet. Phoenix Flame found it hard to imagine Garuda could achieve such rapid growth in his Concentration without the Sixth Goddess Tablet. She also doubted he could get his hands on a Legacy similar to the Sixth Goddess Tablet. After all, the

Goddess of Space was a first-class existence, even among Primordial Gods. Obtaining the Legacy of such an existence would not be an easy task.

Not to mention, Garuda had improved his self-developed Holy Art to the Advanced Gold standard in such a short period. Compared to his Concentration development, this was an even more incredible accomplishment.

“It’s not out of the question. Don’t forget that he got to enter the Crucible’s central area as the former champion,” Elise said calmly.

Phoenix Flame agreed with Elise’s explanation. Across the entire Eternal Realm, the Crucible of the Ancients was currently the only known location that could potentially have Primordial God Legacies. So, it was entirely plausible for Garuda to acquire a Legacy surpassing that of the Goddess of Space in the Crucible’s central area.

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While Phoenix Flame was feeling upset that she wouldn’t get to access the Legacies in the Crucible’s central area once again, Gentle Snow’s group of five suddenly appeared outside the ring. Evidently, all five of them were killed by Garuda. Moreover, they didn’t even manage to waste Garuda’s Concentration and Stamina, let alone buy time for Shi Feng to meet up with them.

*Dammit! Is he a monster?* When Verdant Rainbow saw Garuda’s calm expression on the screen, she couldn’t help but feel vexed.

After sensing the presence of Garuda’s giant, Shi Feng swiftly moved to regroup with them and was currently already within 1,000 yards of their location. They could have fought Garuda as a full party had they managed to buy themselves even a few seconds. Yet, despite having a five-on-one advantage, they failed to survive even one move against Garuda.

In only an instant, Garuda’s phantom had thrown a hundred punches, each stronger than the third strike of Gentle Snow’s Fleeting Thunderclap. As a result, Gentle Snow only managed to block three punches before she died, while everyone else turned into ashes without blocking a single punch...

*Fools! Just because you defeated a couple of ordinary chosen ones of the Holy Race, you think you can win against the Divine Fist Party? Against Lord Garuda? When Extreme Feather saw the ugly expressions on Verdant Rainbow’s group, her depressed mood vanished. Her beautiful eyes even started to sparkle when she saw Shi Feng stepping into the same hall as Garuda. Even if you defeated me, what can you do against Lord Garuda?*

A Half-step Mortal God!

This was the Divine Fist Party's greatest trump card to win the Continental Championship this time. Garuda's strength had already reached a realm the average chosen one could not hope to reach.

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Inside the maze...

"You are the only one left. You are quite strong, seeing as you managed to eliminate Extreme Feather and the others," Garuda said calmly as he watched Shi Feng enter the hall from an entrance different from Verdant Rainbow's group. "But this is as far as your party can advance."

After saying so, Garuda materialized his phantom once more and bombarded Shi Feng with a hundred punches.

*A Half-step Mortal God?*

Shi Feng was momentarily stunned when he saw the phantom attacking him. However, his instincts kicked in, and he promptly cast his Pseudo-Goddess Law Projection before executing Sword's Orbit.

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## **Chapter 3740: Alternate Ending 814 - Purgatory Phantom Garb**

Chapter 814 – Purgatory Phantom Garb

The instant Shi Feng's Pseudo-Goddess Law Projection appeared, space within the hall became sluggish, and Garuda's punches faced greater resistance. This, in turn, caused his lightning-quick punches to slow down considerably. Immediately afterward, the dazzling sword lights of Shi Feng's Sword's Orbit struck Garuda's fists.

*Boom... Boom... Boom...*

The clash between fists and sword lights lasted several seconds, and the outcome shocked the spectators outside.

*He blocked them?!* Phoenix Flame couldn't believe her eyes when she saw Shi Feng still standing in the hall.

It should be known that Garuda's Myriad Fists had already reached the Advanced Gold Holy Art standard. Each of his punches should carry nearly 100% of his Strength.

Additionally, they possessed speed that could overwhelm even Gentle Snow after just three hits.

Yet, despite using only a Gold-ranked sword technique, Shi Feng blocked Garuda's Myriad Fists completely. He had even done so without losing a single HP...

Besides Phoenix Flame, the other spectators were similarly astonished.

"How is this guy so strong?! He's actually matching Garuda!"

"Crap! What is going on with the humans this season? First the Star Maiden, and now Black Flame? Are the humans on the rise?"

"Luck! It's all luck, I say! Lord Garuda is a Half-step Mortal God! There's no way a human who hasn't even reached the Unthinking Realm can compete with Lord Garuda!"

A heated discussion erupted among the spectators. Originally, when everyone saw Garuda displaying his strength as a Half-step Mortal God, they thought the match would conclude uneventfully. They didn't expect another monstrous expert to emerge from the human race.

*How did he become so strong?! Chalk Splendor looked dumbfounded as he stood outside the ring. That's the Divine Fist's Myriad Fists!*

Chalk Splendor had a much better understanding of Shi Feng than the other players present.

The first time they met, Shi Feng was merely a Taboo-level existence who could barely withstand the might of the Sunlight Blade's Sunlight Body. If not for Verdant Rainbow's assistance, Shi Feng would have eventually collapsed from exhaustion.

At the time, Shi Feng's overall strength was, at best, at the average standard of the various royal powers' Holy Children.

Although Chalk Splendor was astonished when Shi Feng defeated his elder sister, Daystar, he could still more or less accept the outcome. After all, Shi Feng had won by a very small margin and heavily relied on the six Level 200, Tier 6 War Goddesses he summoned. If it weren't for the War Goddesses, Daystar's undead army could have easily worn out and killed Shi Feng.

Now, though, Chalk Splendor was truly dumbfounded.

Although Garuda was also regarded as a Holy Child, he couldn't be put on the same level as the other Holy Children from the Holy Race's royal powers. This was because he was the undisputed number-one expert among the Holy Race's younger generation.

Even Daystar and her dazzling accomplishments could not hope to hold a candle to him. Moreover, that was before Garuda had reached the Half-step Mortal God standard.

“Black Flame’s Law Projection is incredibly powerful. It is much stronger than even my Dual Advanced Law Projection,” Daystar explained when she saw her little brother’s look of surprise. “His Basic Attributes are also astonishingly high. Despite not having any Divine Artifacts, he has the Basic Attributes of a Level 190 expert equipped with three Divine Artifacts.

“In comparison, Garuda only has two Divine Artifacts. His Law Projection is also at the same standard as mine. Even if Garuda’s Myriad Fists has reached the Advanced Gold standard, it’s unsurprising that Black Flame can neutralize the technique with such advantages.”

“Doesn’t that mean Garuda can’t do anything against that bastard?” Chalk Splendor said reluctantly.

Garuda was the Holy Race’s strongest chosen one. If even Garuda couldn’t do anything about Shi Feng, Chalk Splendor had difficulty imagining how he was supposed to get revenge on Shi Feng.

It should be known that Garuda was already the ceiling of strength in the current Eternal Realm. Meanwhile, when dealing with experts of Garuda’s caliber, having numbers was meaningless. After all, they could simply escape whenever they felt their lives were threatened. This was also why the various powers feared the Greater God’s Domain’s old monsters.

“I wouldn’t necessarily say that,” Daystar said as she returned her three eyes to the screen. Then, while looking at Garuda’s figure, she continued, “Garuda is our race’s strongest chosen one, after all. Even if Black Flame has a unique Law Projection, Garuda won’t lose.”

At this time, Rin and Dead Soul were seated near Chalk Splendor and Daystar. The two naturally overheard Daystar’s comments. Although neither of them said anything, their calm expressions as they looked at Garuda’s figure on the screen showed that they agreed with Daystar’s words.

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As the discussions outside the ring continued, the dust and smoke in the hall settled. Currently, Garuda had already dismissed his phantom and was observing Shi Feng from a hundred yards away, a hint of joy and playfulness in his eyes.

“You are good,” Garuda said, chuckling as he glanced at Shi Feng’s Law Projection, which covered a radius of several thousand yards. “This Law Projection alone is enough

to render my Myriad Fists useless against you for a long time. Had this fight taken place in the last championship, you might have become the champion.”

“Thank you for the compliment.” Shi Feng was a little surprised to see Garuda talking to him so carefreely. Returning the gesture, he smiled and said, “But my petty trick is probably useless against you now, right?”

As the winner of the last Continental Championship, Garuda must have benefited significantly from the Crucible’s central area. Although a Pseudo-Goddess Law Projection was powerful, it should be as threatening as a gentle breeze to a peerless chosen one like Garuda.

In Shi Feng’s previous life, many had commented that Garuda’s abstention in the war between the two races was the only reason the human race could have any living space in the Eternal Realm. Even the Three Absolutes, who were bona fide sixth-floor experts at the time, had clearly expressed their inability to fight Garuda. This showed just how frighteningly strong Garuda was.

“You are right,” Garuda said as he worked his shoulders. Then, with a faint smile, he continued, “You are the first person in this championship to make me use my full strength.”

The moment Garuda finished speaking, the Divine Artifact-ranked breastplate he wore suddenly bloomed with purple-gold brilliance. Then, Garuda’s body suddenly split into 16 identical copies of himself, each copy radiating an aura stronger than even Garuda’s original body.

Phantom World!

A Profound Skill of the Purgatory Phantom Garb!

When Garuda activated this Profound Skill, even Shi Feng’s expression darkened.

Phantom World was one of Garuda’s trademark moves. Assuming that a player could utilize 100% of the Purgatory Phantom Garb’s potential, they could split into a maximum of 1,000 clones of themselves. In Shi Feng’s previous life, the most clones Garuda had ever created in battle were 100. This was because 100 clones were the most Garuda could control perfectly.

Seeing as Garuda had created 16 clones, it most likely meant he was already at the standard where he could perfectly control 16 clones.

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## Chapter 3741: Alternate Ending 815 - Complete Goddess Law Projection

### Chapter 815 – Complete Goddess Law Projection

“You can be proud of yourself,” the Garuda clones said, smiling at Shi Feng. “I was originally saving this move for that little girl, but I’ll let you have the honor of facing it first.”

After saying so, the 16 clones each conjured a 1,000-meter-tall phantom with their Holy Auras. The phantoms took up a large area of the spacious hall, and each radiated an aura stronger than the phantom Garuda had previously conjured. This development made the previous battle look like nothing more than a joke.

Following this scene, silence enveloped the spectators outside momentarily.

*How is this possible?!*

*Is this the strength of the former number-one expert?*

Death Wind’s jaw dropped when he saw the 16 giant phantoms displayed on the screen. Verdant Rainbow, Gentle Snow, and the others similarly wore ashen expressions. They never imagined Garuda could be strong to such an extent.

“Amazing! This Skill is simply amazing! Not only are the doppelgangers created stronger than the original, but they can also use Myriad Fists!”

“How generous of the Thunder Empire to let Garuda use the Purgatory Phantom Garb! With it, Garuda is truly invincible.”

“Black Flame sure is unlucky. If not for the Purgatory Phantom Garb, he would have totally had a winning chance against Garuda. Although Black Flame’s Law Projection is powerful, Garuda can offset most of its suppressive effect with his own Law Projection. With Garuda’s doppelgangers being stronger than the original, even after Black Flame’s Law Projection suppresses them, they should still be as strong as Garuda’s original body. There are also sixteen of them on the field. No matter how I look at it, the fight is as good as over.”

“Amazing! No wonder Lord Garuda can remain calm after watching Ink Crystal’s fight. Even a Mortal God will have trouble facing sixteen such doppelgangers simultaneously.”

Many spectators were shocked and excited by Garuda’s display. They never imagined that Garuda would have another trump card besides his combat standard.



Suddenly, many players started wondering what kind of exciting fight they would see when the Divine Fist Party and the Ink Crystal Party clashed. As for the current fight, the outcome was already apparent.

After all, Shi Feng had to rely on his powerful Law Projection to match Garuda before the latter activated Phantom World. Now that Garuda had produced sixteen doppelgangers that were stronger than himself, the effects of Shi Feng's Law Projection would become negligible. At this time, even if Shi Feng was similarly at the Half-step Mortal God standard, he would still lose to Garuda.

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Inside the maze hall...

"It's over!"

Garuda's 16 clones executed Myriad Fists against Shi Feng simultaneously, the conjured phantoms throwing over a thousand punches at Shi Feng.

Each of the phantoms' punches was akin to a falling meteorite, generating sparks as they brushed against the air. Together, the phantoms created a vast and beautiful meteorite shower that dwarfed Elise's multicast Star Destroyer.

*As expected of the Divine Fist.* Shi Feng was amazed by the sight before him. Garuda's move was so powerful that Shi Feng was certain he would die if he tried to block it with Dark Moon. Hence, rather than attempting a futile action, he raised the Shadow Incinerator and muttered, "World's Descent!"

*Boom!*

Suddenly, the sound of glass shattering echoed across the hall. Immediately afterward, wisps of black smoke descended upon the entire battlefield and enveloped the entire ring in no time.

Before Garuda could react, he felt a powerful suppression on his body, suppressing him in all aspects and making him incredibly sluggish. Now, he could only execute Myriad Fists at 70% of its original speed.

"What a powerful Law Projection!" Garuda was shocked by the change in Shi Feng's Law Projection. However, he quickly regained his calm. "Even so, you still can't stop my Myriad Fists!"

Although Garuda's clones were overall 30% suppressed, their combined might was still greater than what Shi Feng could withstand. At most, Shi Feng could take a few more hits than before.

“Is that so?” When Shi Feng sensed his perception of the world around him achieving unprecedented clarity, he smiled and vanished.

Third Step, Flowing Light!

Subsequently, a streak of light could be seen shuttling between the rain of burning fists. In the time it took to take a breath, Shi Feng maneuvered his way through all the phantom fists and appeared in front of one of Garuda’s clones.

“You...”

The eyes of Garuda’s clones widened when Garuda saw Shi Feng intact. He failed to comprehend how Shi Feng could evade all his lightning-fast attacks. Logically, even a Half-step Mortal God shouldn’t be able to escape unscathed. Yet, Shi Feng had succeeded despite not even being at the Unthinking Realm standard.

What Garuda did not know was that Flowing Space was a Peak Gold Body Technique developed by the Goddess of Space. Even when executed to the third level only, Flowing Space could already rival the average Peak Gold Body Technique. Not to mention, Shi Feng executed the technique after strengthening his Pseudo-Goddess Law Projection into a Goddess Law Projection.

While Garuda was in a daze, Shi Feng swung the Shadow Incinerator at the clone before him.

Goddess-ranked Mana Technique, Dark Moon!

As the Shadow Incinerator fell, darkness enveloped the battlefield. The only thing visible was a beautiful moon that rapidly expanded across the entire ring.

*This...*

Shi Feng was momentarily stunned when he saw the clone getting erased, and the land 1,000 yards before him becoming a bottomless abyss. He did not expect the Goddess Law Projection to amplify Dark Moon to such an extent.

Besides Shi Feng, the spectators outside were similarly astonished.

“What a terrifying attack!”

“Is that a Divine Weapon’s Profound Skill?”

“No way, right? Has his Concentration reached the Tier 6 Limit standard as well? Is everyone a monster this season?”

After a brief silence, the spectators fell into a frenzy. This was especially true for the spectating human players, who all started to view Shi Feng in a new light.

Shi Feng's attack could only be considered lackluster compared to Elise's Star Destroyer, which destroyed nearly half of the battlefield. However, there was no doubt that Shi Feng's attack carried as much power as Elise's Star Destroyer. Not to mention, Shi Feng's attack had one-shotted Garuda's clone.

Phoenix Flame was also stupefied by this situation.

"A Goddess-ranked Mana Technique!" Phoenix Flame's heart was restless as she looked at the fading moon on the screen. "Has he fully mastered a Goddess-ranked Mana Technique?"

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## **Chapter 3742: Alternate Ending 816 - Third Advanced Law**

### **Chapter 816 – Third Advanced Law**

Unlike the other spectators, Phoenix Flame had studied the Legacies of the Sixth Goddess Tablet. Hence, she knew what Goddess-ranked Mana Techniques were. The Goddess-ranked Mana Technique recorded on the Sixth Goddess Tablet was also something Elise had been trying to learn all this time.

Unfortunately, Elise never succeeded. The best she managed to learn was a Primordial God-ranked Mana Technique. Although it was a powerful Mana Technique, it was still inferior to Goddess-ranked Mana Techniques. Had Elise learned a Goddess-ranked Mana Technique, her fight with Ink Crystal would have gone much differently.

Meanwhile, when Phoenix Flame saw Shi Feng gathering his mana into his sword before one-shotting one of Garuda's clones, she could only link the attack with a fully mastered Goddess-ranked Mana Technique. Apart from that, she could not think of any other possibility.

"He has indeed learned a Goddess-ranked Mana Technique," Elise said with a complicated expression. "But he shouldn't have fully mastered it yet. Otherwise, his mana wouldn't scatter so quickly after his attack landed."

"This still isn't the technique's perfect form?" Phoenix Flame stared at the bottomless abyss on the battlefield in astonishment.

Shi Feng's attack had obliterated everything within 1,000 yards in front of him. Moreover, this was done within the battlefield of the Crucible of the Ancients' main event. The attack could have obliterated a large map if this fight had occurred in the outside world.

"Naturally. But going by the power of his attack, he shouldn't be far off from fully mastering the technique," Elise said. Then, after taking one last glance at the bottomless pit, she got up from her seat and left. "Let's go and rest."

"Are we not going to watch the rest of the fight, Your Highness?" Phoenix Flame asked.

"The outcome has been decided. What else is there to watch?" Elise responded nonchalantly before making her way into the rest area.

"The outcome has been decided?" When Phoenix Flame saw Shi Feng executing the same Mana Technique again, she stopped paying attention to the fight and followed Elise.

Indeed, it was exactly as Elise stated. While others might still have difficulty determining the fight's outcome, it was a different story for those who knew about Goddess-ranked Mana Techniques.

In a situation where Shi Feng was close to perfecting his mastery over a Goddess-ranked Mana Technique, unless there was a huge gap in Basic Attributes, even a Half-step Mortal God equipped with a Divine Weapon would have very little chance of beating him. After all, Shi Feng could exhibit the power of a Divine Artifact's Profound Skill every time he attacked, whereas actual Profound Skills had long Cooldowns. Not to mention, Shi Feng's Law Projection severely suppressed Garuda.

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Inside the ring...

*Dammit! Why is his sword technique so powerful? His Movement Speed as well! Defending against his attacks is simply impossible! While manipulating his remaining clones, Garuda no longer had his previous composure. My only choice is to go on the offense. Otherwise, my defeat will be inevitable.*

Although Garuda had the numerical advantage, he couldn't keep up with Shi Feng's speed. Shi Feng could strike and retreat whenever he wanted. He was also strong enough to eliminate a clone each time he attacked. This situation gave Garuda a huge headache. Currently, the only thing Garuda could be happy about was that Shi Feng was investing a significant amount of Concentration into each of his attacks, which, in turn, limited the number of attacks he could execute.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng's excitement grew as the fight progressed.

*This Profound Skill is simply amazing. Not only did it elevate my Pseudo-Goddess Law Projection into a Goddess Law Projection, but it also integrated a Law into my Dark Moon. Although I still can't unleash all of the mana I have gathered, I am getting closer to achieving the perfect Dark Moon with each subsequent execution.* After eliminating another of Garuda's clones, Shi Feng couldn't help but be astounded by the Shadow Incinerator's Profound Skill, World's Descent.

Shi Feng had only reached entry-level in his mastery over Dark Moon. More specifically, he could only use the Law of Space as the technique's foundation to gather mana.

However, when he activated World's Descent, the Profound Skill introduced a new Law into his Dark Moon, allowing the technique to improve qualitatively. Additionally, whenever he executed Dark Moon, the operations of the magic elements involved would be displayed in his mind. The clarity of this display even grew with each subsequent execution. Because of this, even though it was incredibly taxing on his Concentration to use Dark Moon, he kept doing so in an attempt to grasp the introduced Law.

Laws related to the magic elements were of utmost importance to any player. Nobody would ever complain that they knew too many Elemental Laws.

This was because every Elemental Law a player grasped would strengthen their control over mana. At the same time, the Law Projections they could cast would also become stronger. Hence, when players reached Tier 6, apart from weapons and equipment at the Legendary rank or above, they would primarily seek out the Laws contained in various Legacies.

Now that World's Descent could integrate and display a Law into Dark Moon, Shi Feng naturally had to make the most of this opportunity. Not to mention, said Law was the Law of Darkness.

The Law of Darkness was an Advanced Law like the Law of Destruction and the Law of Space. Normally, opportunities to learn an Advanced Law could only be found in Primordial God Legacies, while God and Ancient God Legacies only contained Basic Laws. Now that Shi Feng had an opportunity to learn the Law of Darkness, how could he let it slip by?

Once... Twice... Three times...

Subsequently, Shi Feng executed Dark Moon one time after another. Unfortunately, even after all of Garuda's clones were eliminated and the winner of the match was declared, Shi Feng still did not grasp the Law of Darkness.

*If only I had more time...* Shi Feng sighed when he appeared outside the ring.

Sixteen executions of Dark Moon only allowed Shi Feng to reach entry-level in his mastery over the Law of Darkness. Although he could now manipulate mana using the Law of Darkness, he couldn't integrate it into his Dark Moon like he could when World's Descent was active.

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While Shi Feng felt dejected, many spectators were jumping for joy.

"What an incredible human! I can't believe he defeated the Divine Fist!"

"Indeed! I originally thought the Star Maiden would be the human race's strongest representative this time! But after watching this match, I think Black Flame should be the strongest! I look forward to the finals!"

Previously, after watching Elise and Ink Crystal's fight, everyone lost interest in the fight between Shi Feng and Garuda. Now, though, everyone started to look forward to the fight between Shi Feng and Ink Crystal.

It was especially so for the human players. They never imagined that the Guild Leader of Zero Wing, a Guild with no background, could defeat Garuda, the former champion, and lead the Verdant Rainbow Party to the finals.

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Amidst the spectators' cheers and expectations, Garuda walked up to Shi Feng after he was resurrected outside the ring.

"You are good; I'll give you that. I didn't think I would lose to you," Garuda said as he crossed his four arms across his chest. Then he turned to look at the departing Ink Crystal Party and continued, "But you are most likely going to have a tough time against Ink Crystal. I hope you can defeat her and become the champion. That way, we might be able to become fellow travelers."

After saying so, Garuda left for the rest area with his bitter party members. Like everyone else, he intended to stay behind and watch the finals two hours later.

*Fellow travelers?* Shi Feng couldn't help but grow curious as he watched Garuda leave. He could sense that Garuda sincerely did not care about losing. Garuda behaved like his goal was never to become the champion but to achieve something greater instead. *Is it the path beyond Tier 6?*

Garuda was the champion of the last Continental Championship, so Shi Feng couldn't help but suspect that the other party had learned the method to go beyond Tier 6.

Thinking up to this point, Shi Feng became even more determined to win the championship. By the time the following season arrived, the entrance to the Eternal Realm might very well have been discovered already. At that time, even more talented experts and top-tier Divine Artifacts would appear in the Continental Championship, making it exponentially harder to become the champion.

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## Chapter 3743: Alternate Ending 817 - Battle for the Championship

### Chapter 817 – Battle for the Championship

Crucible of the Ancients:

The two-hour break quickly passed, and players again filled the main event venue. Some preliminary participants even returned an hour earlier to secure better seats in the spectator stands.

“Rin, who do you think will win?” Dead Soul curiously asked as he looked at Rin, who had just walked up to the ring.

“As a fellow Crystallian, I am naturally rooting for Ink Crystal,” Rin said, rolling her eyes. “The Continental Championship is a place for the three races to compete. The better our race does in the championship, the more sixth-floor experts we can produce in the future. Don’t tell me you’re hoping for the Holy Race and the human race to reign over us.”

“What a boring answer,” Dead Soul said, sighing. Then, he nonchalantly continued, “I’m betting on Black Flame’s victory. Although his victory will put our race in second place, he is the expert who defeated me. I don’t wish to see him lose to anyone.”

Dead Soul’s words earned him a look of disdain from Rin.

However, Dead Soul didn’t mind Rin’s reaction and simply continued, “I’m sure you are aware, but the Holy Race is much stronger than us and the human race. After the major system update, many old fellows back home have already decided to help the humans resist the Holy Race on the Eternal Continent. That way, we can minimize our living area’s exposure when the Eternal Realm’s entrance is discovered.

“So, it doesn’t really matter whether Ink Crystal or Black Flame wins. Black Flame winning might even be good news for us. After all, you and I will both be part of the vanguard legion headed for the Eternal Continent. If Black Flame is strong enough to defeat Ink Crystal, I can only see it as good news for our future alliance.”



“You sure have put a lot of thought into this matter.” Rin couldn’t help but look at Dead Soul in surprise.

Contrary to her previous statement, Rin secretly hoped for Ink Crystal’s defeat.

Neither Rin nor Dead Soul had expected Ink Crystal’s appearance. They never imagined there could be another member of the younger generation who could surpass them. While knowing that the Crystallian race had more talented experts was reassuring, Ink Crystal’s origins were shrouded in mystery. Even now, the powers they belonged to had yet to uncover Ink Crystal’s details. It was as if Ink Crystal had suddenly sprouted from the ground one day.

Additionally, the executives of Rin’s Guilds had warned her not to approach Ink Crystal, and she was advised to behave like Ink Crystal did not exist.

Since her Guild’s executives wished to treat Ink Crystal like she did not exist, Rin would naturally be more inclined to wish for Black Flame’s victory. After all, Black Flame’s victory would increase the likelihood of the human race producing more sixth-floor experts. Meanwhile, the stronger the human race became, the easier it would be for the alliance between the Crystallian race and the human race to resist the Holy Race.

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Amidst Rin and Dead Soul’s hushed conversation, the Ink Crystal Party and the Verdant Rainbow Party arrived before the staircase leading into the ring and quietly waited for the start of the final match.

“Quick, look! What’s going on with the Ink Crystal Party? Why has the party’s roster changed?”

“Crap! It really did change! Isn’t this against the rules?”

Everyone quickly noticed something peculiar when the Ink Crystal Party entered their sight.

Originally, besides Ink Crystal, the five other members of the Ink Crystal Party were either at or close to 30 years old. Now, though, these five members were nowhere to be seen. Instead, five teenagers had taken their place. Although they did not look like they were in their mid-teens, like Ink Crystal, they were still in their late teens.

*Half-step Mortal Gods! All five of them are Half-step Mortal Gods! Am I dreaming?!* When Extreme Feather saw the Ink Crystal Party’s new members, shock and horror colored her eyes.

Half-step Mortal Gods!

Among the Holy Race's younger generation, Garuda was the only person who managed to have reached this standard. Yet, five such experts had appeared in the Ink Crystal Party. Moreover, the feeling of danger Extreme Feather got from looking at each of them was no less than what she got from Garuda...

At this time, Rin and Dead Soul similarly froze from shock.

"Judge! Isn't the Ink Crystal Party cheating for making substitutions?"

Many players began shouting for the judge to assess the situation. They all suspected that the system had made a mistake. After all, the Continental Championship had been hosted quite a few times already, and they never heard of anyone replacing their members in the middle of the championship. At most, participating parties could swap opponents with parties of the same race.

However, despite everyone's shouting, the mighty existence overseeing the championship did not respond. The mighty existence merely announced the start of the finals and called for the Ink Crystal Party and the Verdant Rainbow Party to enter the ring.

"Legendary-ranked disguise tools?" Shi Feng couldn't help but be astonished as he looked at the Ink Crystal Party's five smiling teenagers.

It was unlikely that the system had made any mistakes. However, it was a fact that parties participating were prohibited from swapping members in the middle of the Continental Championship. This left only one possibility—Ink Crystal's party members had been disguising themselves this entire time.

There were plenty of disguise tools in God's Domain. Most of them could be seen through using Master Identification Skills or Advanced Observation Skills, and only Legendary-ranked disguise tools could evade detection. However, Legendary-ranked disguise tools were difficult to come by, and seeing even one such tool was a rare event, let alone five in the same party.

But compared to the combat standards of the five teenagers, the significance of Legendary-ranked disguise tools paled significantly.

"You guessed correctly," Ink Crystal said, smiling as she looked at Shi Feng. "They have been in disguise all this time. I felt it would be too cruel to the other participants if my party members revealed their strength right from the start. So, to give everyone some hope, I had them disguise themselves. As a reward for guessing correctly, I can give your party a chance."

"What chance?" Verdant Rainbow asked.

“If our parties fought six-on-six, you guys wouldn’t have even the slightest chance of winning,” Ink Crystal frankly said. “Thus, I propose a one-on-six. My party will send only one player into the ring, while your party can enter with all six members. The winner will become the champion, while the loser will settle for second place.”

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## **Chapter 3744: Alternate Ending 818 - Battling a Sixth-Floor Expert**

### Chapter 818 – Battling a Sixth-Floor Expert

Ink Crystal’s words elicited a series of gasps from the spectators.

“Is that little girl insane?! She has so many Half-step Mortal Gods on her party, yet she chooses to fight one-on-six?!”

“What a presumptuous little girl! She’s not placing any significance on the Verdant Rainbow Party!”

“She has a point, though. Those five Half-step Mortal Gods can probably take on the rest of the top eight parties simultaneously and win. We will only have a boring match if the Verdant Rainbow Party fights them fairly.”

Although many spectators found Ink Crystal’s suggestion wildly arrogant, even more found it interesting. Otherwise, the Continental Championship would conclude with a very boring final match. After all, even if Ink Crystal stood by and did nothing, her five Half-step Mortal God party members were strong enough to sweep away the rest of the top 8 parties.

At this time, even Elise couldn’t help but turn to Rin, who sat nearby, and asked, “Rin, what is Ink Crystal’s origin?”

It was already shocking enough that a Mortal God had appeared among the Crystallian race. Now, five more Half-step Mortal Gods had appeared among the Crystallians. They all even belonged to the same party. Such a party could reign supreme across the Eternal Realm. Not to mention, all six members of this party were ridiculously young. Elise found it hard to imagine that any power could nurture so many monsters.

If a power managed to nurture one peerless chosen one, the achievement could only be chalked up to luck. However, if a power managed to nurture multiple peerless chosen ones, it was proof of that power’s strength and foundations.

No matter how Elise thought about it, there was no way a power capable of producing one Mortal God and five Half-step Mortal Gods could be unknown.

"This... I don't know, either," Rin said, shaking her head. "My superiors merely told me to avoid provoking her party and behave like the party doesn't exist."

In reality, Rin was even more confused by this situation than Elise.

Royal powers were the strongest known powers among the Crystallian race, and there were only a few of them in existence. Although it was possible for a royal power to nurture a monster like Ink Crystal, simply being able to nurture one such monster would already be a miracle. There was no way any royal power could nurture a group of such monsters. Likewise, while apex and pseudo-apex powers could potentially nurture a monster like Ink Crystal, they would need ridiculous amounts of luck. As for the possibility of Ink Crystal's party having independent origins, that was completely out of the question.

The development of every genius involved various resources. The stronger a genius wished to become, the more resources they needed to consume. No small team or ordinary power could afford the resources required to produce Ink Crystal's party of six.

"You don't know? Behave like they don't exist?" Elise was astounded by Rin's response.

Ninth Street, the royal power Rin originated from, was the second strongest royal power among the Crystallian race, and it was not much weaker than the Holy Race's Thunder Empire.

Evidently, Ninth Street's executives knew something about the Ink Crystal Party's origins, yet they had warned the Earthen Princess not to have any contact with the Ink Crystal Party. This implied that the Ink Crystal Party's origins were so powerful that even Ninth Street feared it.

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While Elise questioned Rin, Ink Crystal moved her gaze from Verdant Rainbow to Shi Feng.

"I will only make you this offer once. Will you take it or not?" Ink Crystal asked as she looked at Shi Feng. She behaved like a child who had found a new and interesting toy, and a hint of eagerness could even be heard in her voice.

"Leader, how sly of you! We had to hold ourselves back this entire time, yet you're going to steal our one opportunity to show off?" a bald young man from the Ink Crystal Party said in dissatisfaction.

The other members of the Ink Crystal Party nodded in agreement. They had to act weak throughout the entire competition. Now that they could finally show off their strength in front of everyone, Ink Crystal decided to steal their thunder.

“Scram!” Ink Crystal glared at the bald young man. “If you oppose me again, I’ll have you all banned from logging into God’s Domain for a month!”

Ink Crystal’s threat immediately silenced her party members.

A one- or two-day ban might be tolerable, but a one-month ban from God’s Domain was absolute torture. They didn’t doubt Ink Crystal’s ability to act on her threat, either.

“Back to the topic.” After silencing her party members, Ink Crystal turned back to Shi Feng and asked, “What are your thoughts?”

“We’ll pass on the one-on-six. We can’t afford such a humiliating situation,” Shi Feng said, shaking his head. “Instead, let’s fight one-on-one. It’s a fair arrangement, and neither side can complain if they lose.”

Verdant Rainbow and the others did not voice any objections. They all agreed with Shi Feng’s suggestion.

It didn’t matter whether they fought Ink Crystal one-on-six or one-on-one. The fight’s outcome would ultimately depend on whether Shi Feng could defeat Ink Crystal. After all, the last thing a Mortal God feared was group battles. If Shi Feng could not defeat Ink Crystal by himself, it wouldn’t matter if the rest of the Verdant Rainbow Party fought alongside him; nothing would change.

“Okay. We’ll do a one-on-one, then.” Ink Crystal nodded and entered the ring by herself.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, be careful. I doubt the strength she has revealed thus far is everything she has,” Verdant Rainbow said to Shi Feng.

“I understand.” Shi Feng nodded. He did not bother to say anything else, stepping directly into the ring.

Meanwhile, a minute after Shi Feng and Ink Crystal entered the ring, the mighty existence hovering in the air closed off the ring’s entrance and announced the start of the final match.

Subsequently, the map for the final match materialized. This time, the battlefield was set inside an ancient temple held up by massive stone pillars. Each pillar had a radius exceeding 100 meters, and there were an endless number of them throughout the temple.

However, despite the large temple, Shi Feng and Ink Crystal arrived on the battlefield with less than 1,000 yards between them, with clear line of sight of each other.

“Let me see the strength you used to defeat Garuda,” Ink Crystal said to Shi Feng before she released her cane and let it sink into the ground.

Immediately, spears made of vines emerged from the ground and rotated around Ink Crystal. As more spears formed, the speed of their rotation also increased, and after just three seconds, a powerful typhoon raged around Ink Crystal. The typhoon repeatedly shattered the surrounding space, and its power increased over time.

This move was none other than Thornstorm, the Peak Gold Implement Manipulation Technique Ink Crystal used to kill Elise previously.

*Whoosh!*

With a wave of her hand, Ink Crystal directed the countless vine spears to scatter with explosive momentum, covering all her sides.

*Fighting seriously right off the bat?* Shi Feng’s scalp grew numb when he saw Ink Crystal’s attack, and he dared not hold back in the slightest.

Pseudo-Goddess Law Projection!

World’s Descent!

Goddess-ranked Mana Technique, Dark Moon!

Suddenly, a full moon rose above the battlefield, showering endless moonlight on Ink Crystal’s Thornstorm.

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## **Chapter 3745: Alternate Ending 819 - Black Flame and Ink Crystal**

### **Chapter 819 – Black Flame and Ink Crystal**

When the moonlight shone on the rotating vines, the latter stopped in place, looking as if they had collided with an impenetrable wall. This situation lasted several seconds before the initial clash between Ink Crystal and Shi Feng ended with their attacks canceling out each other.

However, Ink Crystal did not intend to stop after their initial exchange. Immediately, she executed Thornstorm again, sending another batch of vine spears flying at Shi Feng.

When Shi Feng saw this, he similarly executed Dark Moon without hesitation.

Once... Twice... Three times...

Over a dozen exchanges occurred in no time, the sight shocking the spectators outside.

The once-majestic and ancient temple looked devastated on the screen. The towering pillars within 10,000 yards of Shi Feng and Ink Crystal were covered in cracks, and the ground looked like a meteorite had struck it. The destruction caused was comparable to that of Elise's Star Destroyer.

"Are these two monsters?" Phoenix Flame muttered as she looked at the calm expressions on Shi Feng and Ink Crystal.

Seated nearby, Rin and Dead Soul were similarly astonished. They never imagined Shi Feng and Ink Crystal could remain unfazed in such an intense fight.

Whether it was Ink Crystal's Implement Manipulation Technique or Shi Feng's Mana Technique, both exhibited power comparable to that of the Profound Skills of Divine Artifacts that were utilized to 100% of their potential.

Yet, despite the two having used their respective techniques over a dozen times, they didn't look the slightest bit exhausted.

"This Black Flame fellow is quite good to be able to match the leader so far," the bald young man from the Ink Crystal Party said as he watched the ongoing fight. Then he smiled and continued, "But if strengthening his Law Projection is all he can do, this match is as good as over."

The spectators couldn't help but be shocked at the bald young man's words.

Although the bald young man didn't speak loudly, everyone present was a chosen one of their respective race. They were also Tier 6 players. So, they could overhear even conversations taking place a thousand yards away.

*So far? As good as over?* Elise looked at the bald young man in astonishment. She felt like the other party was joking. After all, if what he said was true, it meant that Ink Crystal had not been fighting seriously this entire time.

Although Elise acknowledged that sixth-floor experts were powerful, she did not think that Shi Feng was as fragile as the bald young man described.



There weren't many experts who could utilize a Divine Artifact's potential to 100%. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that there were only a handful of such experts in the human race's Greater God's Domain, and the various apex powers feared them greatly.

Meanwhile, given Shi Feng's ability to unleash power rivaling the Profound Skill of fully exerted Divine Artifacts over a dozen times in a row, even the current Demon's Gate would have to rethink its decision to persecute him. In fact, even the Sun Dynasty would have to consider whether continuing to persecute Shi Feng would be worthwhile.

Yet, the bald young man spoke as if Shi Feng's strength was insignificant...

However, Elise knew better than to dismiss the bald young man's words. After all, despite his deceptively young age, the young man was a Half-step Mortal God. There was no way he couldn't understand the strength Shi Feng was currently displaying. Even a bona fide sixth-floor expert should have difficulty defeating Shi Feng quickly.

While Elise was wondering about the reason for the bald young man's somewhat arrogant claim, Ink Crystal stopped attacking Shi Feng and quietly inspected him for a moment. Then, she began walking toward the ground like she was descending a flight of invisible stairs, each of her steps causing the surrounding space to condense.

When Ink Crystal arrived on the ground, the spectators were given another shock. This was because an illusory forest had appeared around Ink Crystal and pushed back Shi Feng's Law Projection. In the blink of an eye, the two Law Projections shared the battlefield equally, and Ink Crystal's strength made a full recovery.

*A Goddess-ranked Law Projection?! Elise couldn't help but doubt her eyes.*

As the owner of the Sixth Goddess Tablet, Elise was no stranger to the concept of the Goddess-ranked Law Projection. She was even working to achieve it.

Unfortunately, achieving the Goddess-ranked Law Projection was easier said than done.

The base requirement to cast a Goddess-ranked Law Projection was to master and combine three Advanced Laws. However, without sufficient Legacy Guidance, even mastering the three Advanced Laws needed would be nigh impossible, let alone merging them into one.

In Shi Feng's case, he could only barely achieve a Goddess-ranked Law Projection because of a Skill. Ink Crystal, however, did not rely on any external forces. She relied only on herself to form a Goddess-ranked Law Projection...

Garuda and the other experts who had mastered two Advanced Laws were similarly stunned by this development.

*A monster! She's an absolute monster!*

Rin felt her worldview crumbling as she looked at Ink Crystal. Not only did Ink Crystal possess a one-of-a-kind talent for combat, but she also possessed an equally astounding comprehension of World Laws.

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Inside the temple...

"I commend you for making it this far despite not having reached even the Unthinking Realm," Ink Crystal said, smiling as she looked at Shi Feng. "But you're not the only player who has grasped a Primordial God-ranked Law Projection in this championship! For making me use this move against you, you can be proud!"

After saying so, Ink Crystal raised her hand once more. Immediately afterward, countless vines emerged from the ground, each easily piercing through space. Together, the vines transformed the battlefield into an empty void in the blink of an eye, and their aura was significantly stronger than before. Meanwhile, hovering in the middle of these vines, Ink Crystal looked like she was the world's ruler.

This scene dumbfounded the spectators outside.

A Mortal God!

This was a real Mortal God!

With a lift of her hand, Ink Crystal had reduced an entire map to nothing!

Before the spectators could recover from their astonishment, the countless vines traversed across the void and attacked Shi Feng from all directions. Each vine rivaled Elise's Star Destroyer in power, and a hundred attacked Shi Feng at a time.

*Sure enough, dealing with a sixth-floor expert isn't easy.* When Shi Feng saw the vines attacking him, he understood he could no longer hide his cards.

Tier 6 Super Spell, Sword Law World!

Holy Mana's Shadow!

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## **Chapter 3746: Alternate Ending 820 - Outcome**

## Chapter 820 – Outcome

When Shi Feng activated Sword Law World, Chains of Law emerged from the void to restrain Ink Crystal. Even though Ink Crystal's Law Projection put up a strong resistance against the chains, they still weakened her by 15% in all aspects.

"What a powerful Tier 6 Super Spell!" Ink Crystal was a little surprised when she sensed the Chains of Law affecting her. However, her surprise was brief before she said, "Even so, you still can't stop my Thornstorm!"

Previously, when she allowed Shi Feng's Law Projection to affect her, it suppressed her in all aspects. It even suppressed her surrounding environment, preventing her from using her surroundings to her advantage.

Now, although Sword Law World had similarly weakened her in all aspects, it failed to recreate the Law Projection's environmental suppression.

However, before the first hundred vines could connect, Shi Feng suddenly transformed into a 20-meter-tall giant covered in glowing divine patterns. His Life Rating also increased, and his Basic Attributes could now rival a Level 190 player equipped with four Divine Artifacts.

After activating Holy Mana's Body, Shi Feng executed Dark Moon to defend himself without hesitation.

This time, a moon several times larger appeared in the void, and the moonlight it radiated eliminated the oncoming vines like light erasing darkness. The difference between the two attacks immediately became apparent.

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"Crap! He managed to block even *that*?!"

"No way! Ink Crystal got pushed back!"

When the radiant moonlight dissipated, the spectators were stunned to see Ink Crystal moving back by half a step. Ink Crystal's five party members were especially shocked by this development.

"What an incredible Berserk Skill! He actually managed to push the leader back by half a step!" the bald young man from the Ink Crystal Party said in astonishment as he looked at Shi Feng's mighty figure.

When enhanced by Ink Crystal's Primordial God-ranked Law Projection, Thornstorm could exhibit unbelievable power. Even players equipped with four Divine Artifacts using a Peak Gold-ranked technique couldn't necessarily neutralize it, let alone overpower it.

Players like Garuda and Daystar, who had previously traded blows with Shi Feng, were equally shocked.

*He still wasn't going all out just now?* Garuda had mixed feelings as he looked at Shi Feng.

Originally, Garuda thought Shi Feng had only won their fight by a small margin. If he wasn't being humble, he might even consider it a lucky victory. However, it was evident that Shi Feng had never fought him seriously. Otherwise, the duel could have ended on the first exchange.

Meanwhile, unlike most other spectators, Verdant Rainbow grew ecstatic when she saw Shi Feng's small victory.

*We have a chance!* Verdant Rainbow thought, her eyes sparkling when she saw Ink Crystal getting pushed back slightly.

Truthfully, Verdant Rainbow didn't have much confidence in Shi Feng defeating Ink Crystal. Now, though, it would seem she was mistaken, and Shi Feng had a great chance of winning.

Although Ink Crystal lost less than 1% of her HP in the exchange, it should be known that she no longer possessed a stronger attack. So long as Shi Feng could repeat this exchange, it would only be a matter of time before he won.

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Meanwhile, inside the ring, Shi Feng naturally realized his advantage. Thus, he promptly brandished the Shadow Incinerator at Ink Crystal again, not allowing the other party to catch her breath.

Not to mention, World's Descent only had a five-minute duration. Once the Skill ended, he would no longer have a Goddess-ranked Law Projection backing him. At that time, he would be completely at Ink Crystal's mercy.

"Are you trying to whittle me down? How boring." When Ink Crystal saw Shi Feng attacking her frenziedly, she did not panic. Instead, she calmly said, "I was originally thinking of giving you some hope, but now... I should show you what it truly means to be a Mortal God."

After saying so, Ink Crystal stamped her feet and began to dance. Then, countless vine spears materialized in the void and rotated around her as if dancing along with her.

When this new batch of vine spears appeared, Shi Feng's heart sank.

*This is...a Twofold Implement Manipulation Technique!*

When Shi Feng saw the rotating vine spears impacting and transferring their power to one another, he quickly understood that Ink Crystal was executing a Twofold Implement Manipulation Technique. Moreover, she wasn't simply executing the same technique twice simultaneously. She had also merged the power of the two techniques, achieving a situation where  $1 + 1$  was greater than 2.

*Boom!*

The instant the moonlight of Dark Moon collided with the vine spears, Shi Feng instantly experienced a powerful backlash through the Shadow Incinerator. Immediately afterward, he stumbled three steps backward, and his HP fell by 10%.

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*A Twofold Peak Gold Technique?! This must be a lie! How can there be such a huge difference with just a one-floor difference?! Rin's jaw dropped as she looked at the dancing girl in the ring.*

Among Crystallian players, experts who had progressed to the later stages of the fifth-floor standard would be considered incredibly fortunate if they could properly execute a Peak Gold Implement Manipulation Technique. As for executing a Twofold Peak Gold Implement Manipulation Technique, that was something they didn't even dare to think of accomplishing. Yet, Ink Crystal had accomplished it with ease.

Garuda, who was a Half-step Mortal God, was similarly horrified by this development. He never imagined there could be such a huge gap between him and Ink Crystal in technique usage.

*Is this what a true Mortal God is like?* Elise was thunderstruck as she looked at Ink Crystal.

Although Elise had previously managed to execute a Twofold Primordial God-ranked Mana Technique, which could be considered as strong as a Twofold Peak Gold Implement Manipulation Technique, she only managed it with the help of the black book she wielded. In contrast, Ink Crystal performed this complicated execution all by herself.

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*I'm bound to lose at this rate! It seems I can only go for broke!*

When Shi Feng saw Ink Crystal attacking him again with a Twofold Thornstorm, he gripped the Shadow Incinerator with both hands and executed a simple downward slash.

Profound Skill, The End!

After he undid the Shadow Incinerator's second seal, The End became his greatest trump card. Although the Skill's 30-minute Cooldown prevented him from using it more than once in a single fight, in return for sacrificing one level, he could unleash the Shadow Incinerator's full power and deal a devastating blow that covered a 50,000-yard radius. The attack could also theoretically reach the Tier 6 Limit standard.

Suddenly, flames that burned as hot as the sun appeared in the void and collided with the oncoming vine spears.

*Boom... Boom... Boom...*

Spatial storms swept the battlefield, causing cracks to even appear on the barrier around the ring.

When the storms subsided, Shi Feng and Ink Crystal stood quietly facing each other. Shi Feng remained intact. In contrast, Ink Crystal lost 20% of her HP, and her clothes looked scorched.

However, the silence on the battlefield lasted very briefly as Ink Crystal promptly followed up the exchange with another Twofold Thornstorm.

*I lost?* When Shi Feng saw that his last-ditch attempt failed to kill Ink Crystal, he stopped struggling and let Ink Crystal's Thornstorm devour him.

Meanwhile, after Shi Feng disappeared from the battlefield, Ink Crystal revealed a solemn expression as she looked at where Shi Feng originally stood.

*What a terrifying attack. If not for the Divine Illusion Garb's ability to weaken one instance of fatal damage, I would have died just now.*

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## **- Chapter 3747: Alternate Ending 821 - Crucible's Central Area |**

### **Chapter 3747: Alternate Ending 821 - Crucible's Central Area**

Chapter 821 – Crucible's Central Area

"Black Flame still lost."

"Sure enough, the gap in combat standards is too significant to bridge."

“Even so, Black Flame is incredibly strong. Had he participated in any of the past championships, he would have definitely been number one.”

Many spectators were in awe of Ink Crystal’s power when they saw the match’s conclusion. At the same time, they couldn’t help but sympathize with Shi Feng. After all, with the strength Shi Feng possessed, he shouldn’t have any trouble winning the Continental Championship under normal circumstances.

In fact, besides the Verdant Rainbow Party that Shi Feng led, the Divine Fist Party and the Star Maiden Party could have similarly become the champions in any of the Continental Championship’s past seasons. Unfortunately, an unreasonably strong monster named Ink Crystal appeared this season.

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“Dammit! We were so close to winning the championship!” Death Wind felt unresigned as he watched Ink Crystal walk out of the ring.

“Second place isn’t a bad result,” Verdant Rainbow said. Unlike Death Wind, she felt happy and content with their final placement. “We have already exceeded our original goal of entering the top four to enter the Crucible’s central area.”

Hearing this, Death Wind no longer dared to speak any further. If not for his wager with Shi Feng, he would have left the Continental Championship with a huge win. However, after losing a Divine Artifact, he wasn’t sure if he could leave with a net positive.

Amidst the two’s conversation, Gentle Snow, Fervent Samsara, and Heavy Abyss remained silent. Apart from feeling joyful at winning second place in the Continental Championship, they also felt they had broadened their horizons.

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*A Mortal God! That will be my goal from now on!* Extreme Feather decided, her eyes brimming with fighting spirit as she watched Ink Crystal step out of the ring.

Besides Extreme Feather, many other players began to regard Ink Crystal as their strongest opponent. This included even those who failed to make it into the main event.

“The sixth-floor standard! I will eventually reach it! Then, I’ll lead the Order of Twelve’s Party to become number one!” Frost Raven said as she focused on Ink Crystal.

“Your chance will come,” Azure Dragon said in encouragement. “By the time we return and complete the Seven Luminaries Alliance’s commission to garrison Shadowing Town, the Great Commander should be done with matters on his side. When the next Continental Championship comes around, you could be a match for Ink Crystal already.”



Azure Dragon's words immediately earned him the ridicule and disdain of many players around him. However, Azure Dragon paid them no heed.

Although Frost Raven was much older than Ink Crystal, she carried the hopes of the Order of Twelve's many commanders and Great Commander. This was because Frost Raven had only been in contact with God's Domain for an incredibly short time. More specifically, she had started her journey in God's Domain less than a year ago.

Yet, in less than a year, Frost Raven ascended to the fifth-floor standard. Her talent for combat was unprecedented, and it definitely wasn't beneath Ink Crystal's. All she lacked were time and opportunities.

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Amidst the spectators' discussions, the mighty being hovering above the ring spoke.

"The Continental Championship is officially over. All parties who failed to pass the preliminaries will be teleported back to where they came from, while parties that made it into the main event will remain to receive their rewards. The top four parties will also be qualified to enter the Crucible's central area. I wish you all a good harvest."

As soon as the mighty being finished speaking, the parties that failed to make it into the top 32 were teleported out of the Crucible of the Ancients, while the top 32 parties were teleported to the starting plaza.

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Crucible of the Ancients:

"This place again?" When Gentle Snow saw her surroundings, she realized they had been teleported back to the starting plaza.

"Mhm. Whenever the championship ends, parties that made it past the preliminaries will be teleported back here," Verdant Rainbow explained. "Then, members of these parties can freely choose a stele or statue to challenge."

While Verdant Rainbow spoke, veteran participants of the Continental Championship had already scattered like startled birds and frenziedly charged at the 10,000-meter-tall steles and statues. Only first-time participants and members of the top four parties stood in place.

"What are these people doing?" Extreme Feather wondered as she watched the strange situation unfold around her.

Knowing this was Extreme Feather's first time participating in the Continental Championship, Garuda patiently explained, "There might be plenty of steles and statues

here, but each can only give out their Legacies once. So long as a stele or statue becomes occupied, nobody else can inherit its Legacy.”

At Garuda’s explanation, realization immediately dawned on Gentle Snow and the other first-time participants.

There were indeed many steles and statues in the plaza. However, only 99 housed Legacies left behind by Primordial God-ranked existences, which meant that not everyone could get the chance to inherit a Primordial God-ranked Legacy. After all, 32 parties had participated in the main event. Even if the top four parties were excluded, there were still 168 players who needed to choose their reward from this plaza.

“Our time is limited. Let’s head for the central area quickly.” After glancing at Chalk Splendor and the other players competing for the Primordial God-ranked Legacies, Shi Feng quickly led his party to the Crucible’s central area.

Shi Feng had learned about some of the Crucible’s rules in his previous life. Although he didn’t know what exactly was awaiting them in the central area, he knew that players could only spend a limited amount of time there. Once they exceeded their time limit, they would be forcibly teleported away.

In exchange for this time limit, though, the central area’s steles and statues did not limit the number of players who could learn from them. Players who entered the central area could also repeatedly challenge their chosen Legacy until they successfully learned it or ran out of time. They couldn’t make any changes once they made their choice.

Two hours later, Shi Feng and the others arrived at the Crucible of the Ancients’ central area. The steles and statues in the central area were starkly different from those in the starting plaza. Even the shortest ones here reached 20,000 meters in height. Steles and statues measuring up to 60,000 meters could also be seen sporadically, each radiating a Divine Might stronger than that of Ancient Gods. The average Tier 6 player would find themselves petrified in the presence of such Divine Might.

When Shi Feng and the others entered the central area, the voice of another mighty being entered their ears. However, unlike the mighty being who presided over the championship, the current one did not sound like an old man. Instead, the current mighty being sounded like a young and friendly girl.

“Congratulations on making it to the central area, little ones! You still have two days and six hours remaining. You may use this time to challenge any one Legacy here once. If you fail, you will be teleported away from the Crucible. Additionally, as you all have entered the top four this time, every person will receive an admission ticket for the next season.”

The mighty being’s words immediately astounded Garuda and those who had entered the central area in the past.

“Challenge any one Legacy once?”

Shi Feng and Verdant Rainbow, who had received prior information on the central area, were similarly stunned. Shi Feng, in particular, couldn't help but doubt his hearing. After all, this situation completely differed from what he had learned in his previous life.

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## **Chapter 3748: Alternate Ending 822 - Three Great Legacies**

### **Chapter 822 – Three Great Legacies**

“What's going on? Why are the rules different from last time?” When Phoenix Flame heard the mighty being's explanation, her expression turned ugly.

Besides Phoenix Flame, Elise also wore an ugly expression, evidently dissatisfied by the central area's new rules.

However, before anyone could vent their dissatisfaction, the mighty being continued explaining the rules.

“You will be restricted in what weapons and equipment you may use to challenge your desired Legacies. Members of the champion party may use up to one Divine Artifact, the runner-up party may not use any Divine Artifacts, and the second and third runners-up may only bring up to three Fragmented Divine Artifacts. That is all. I wish you a fruitful harvest.”

When the mighty being finished speaking, Garuda and the others couldn't help but be stunned.

“Why is the difficulty so much greater this time?” Garuda grew confused when he sensed his Divine Artifacts being suppressed.

“Lord Garuda, are the Legacies' challenges difficult?” Extreme Feather asked.

“If you were to challenge the easier Legacies here, you would likely succeed on the first try. However, it'll be hell if you try to inherit a Legacy from the 60,000-meter-tall steles and statues,” Garuda explained frankly. “The last time I came here, I challenged a 60,000-meter-tall statue without any Divine Artifacts, and I had to make over a dozen reattempts before I managed to get an S-rank evaluation. Now that everyone only has one attempt...”

Extreme Feather, Phoenix Flame, and many others fell silent at Garuda's words.

Everyone had seen how strong Garuda was. If they excluded the Ink Crystal Party's five Half-step Mortal Gods, he would be a strong contender for the third-strongest expert in the current Continental Championship.

Although Garuda was not as strong in the last Continental Championship as he currently was, it still wouldn't be easy for him to score a good evaluation on his first attempt. Naturally, it would be even more difficult for those who weren't Half-step Mortal Gods.

When Garuda finished speaking, Gentle Snow suddenly pointed at the scattering fog in the distance and exclaimed to Shi Feng, "Guild Leader, look! Those steles and statues there are so tall!"

Gentle Snow's exclamation immediately attracted everyone's attention, and they couldn't help but look at where she pointed.

As the fog in the central area scattered, more steles and statues became visible. Compared to those visible from the onset, these new steles and statues were much taller. Even at a rough glance, they were at least 100,000 meters tall.

"How is this possible?!" Garuda was astounded by this development.

Before today, the tallest steles and statues known in the Crucible's central area were only 60,000 meters tall. Even so, the existences they represented were already far superior to those of the 10,000-meter-tall steles and statues in the starting plaza. Garuda couldn't even begin to imagine what kind of terrifying existences the 100,000-meter-tall steles and statues represented.

Besides Garuda, even Shi Feng, who had known that changes would occur to the Crucible of the Ancients after the major system update, was rendered speechless.

In the direction that Gentle Snow pointed, Shi Feng could see that the 100,000-meter-tall steles and statues were still not the tallest. Farther beyond them, he could vaguely see three towering steles that blotted out the sky, and he estimated them to be at least 300,000 meters tall. Although he was nowhere near them, the Divine Might they radiated already felt as strong as that of Ancient Gods. He didn't even dare to imagine how powerful their Divine Might would become once he got up close.

"Sure enough, the Crucible's Three Great Legacies have appeared!" the bald young man from the Ink Crystal Party exclaimed when he saw the three towering steles in the distance. "Leader! Let's hurry over there!"

"Let's go!" Ink Crystal nodded and dashed for the steles without hesitation.

When Garuda, Elise, and everyone else saw this, they exchanged looks, not knowing how to proceed in this situation.

It went without saying that the three 300,000-meter-tall steles held Legacies beyond their wildest imaginations. After all, even the 10,000-meter-tall steles and statues in the starting plaza already held Legacies left behind by Primordial God-ranked existences.

However, nobody here was a fool. They only had one challenge attempt. If they tried to challenge the 300,000-meter-tall steles, they wouldn't just risk getting a poor evaluation. There was a great likelihood they might not even get a passing evaluation. If that happened, all their effort to get here would have been for naught.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, what should we do?" Verdant Rainbow asked. She didn't know what to do in this situation, either, so she decided to seek Shi Feng's opinion. After all, Shi Feng was the only reason she and Death Wind could enter the central area. Without Shi Feng, they couldn't have even entered the top 16, let alone the top 4.

Although players had to depend on themselves to secure the Legacies here, it would definitely help to have Shi Feng's superior insight and knowledge.

"Let's go and check them out," Shi Feng replied without hesitation. "The other Legacies here might be good, but if we want to reach greater heights in the future, those three steles are probably the only ones that can help us. Of course, if you want to gain immediate improvements, going for the other Legacies wouldn't be a bad idea."

In his previous life, although the Three Absolutes had mentioned that the Crucible of the Ancients held clues about the path beyond Tier 6, they never revealed any details. However, he was willing to bet they were referring to the central area's three 300,000-meter-tall steles.

As for the other Legacies here, if they couldn't help him exceed the limits of Tier 6, it wouldn't matter how many of them he acquired. Take the difference between fifth- and sixth-floor experts, for example. The former was only regarded as an apex expert, while the latter was regarded as a Mortal God. Between a mortal and a god, there was no comparison.

At Shi Feng's words, Verdant Rainbow, Garuda, and Elise promptly decided to chase after the Ink Crystal Party.

"Guild Leader, can we get a passing evaluation?" Gentle Snow whispered to Shi Feng, a trace of worry in her eyes.

The Ink Crystal Party's members could not only challenge the Crucible's Three Great Legacies with one Divine Artifact, but each of them was also a Half-step Mortal God or above. In contrast, out of three other parties, Garuda was the only one who could compete in combat standards. Gentle Snow would be lying if she said she wasn't worried about challenging the 300,000-meter-tall steles under such circumstances.

“Don’t worry. We have a greater advantage than even Ink Crystal’s party,” Shi Feng said, chuckling. “While we might not have any Divine Artifacts, we have the God Chaser Sets.”

If the central area had not imposed any restrictions on the weapons and equipment players could use, Shi Feng would not have dared to let Gentle Snow, Fervent Samsara, and Heavy Abyss challenge the Three Great Legacies. However, since such restrictions existed, the central area’s challenges were most likely designed around them.

In a situation where the current Continental Championship’s average level was set at Level 190, the God Chaser Sets would provide them with a significant advantage. After all, the new and improved God Chaser Sets granted Basic Attributes rivaling a full set of Level 220 Legendary Equipment. Even if Gentle Snow and the others couldn’t currently match Half-step Mortal Gods equipped with a Divine Artifact, they shouldn’t be too far behind.

Meanwhile, going by the behavior of Ink Crystal’s party members, it was obvious they were confident in passing the Three Great Legacies. They might even be confident in scoring a good evaluation. In that case, Gentle Snow, Fervent Samsara, and Heavy Abyss shouldn’t have much trouble securing a passing evaluation.

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## Chapter 3749: Alternate Ending 823 - Stele's Evaluation

### Chapter 823 – Stele’s Evaluation

When Shi Feng and the others arrived before the three towering steles, their bodies and souls shuddered. It felt like they were standing before three living Primordial Gods rather than steles, and they had to steel themselves just to look at the steles.

*What a powerful mental oppression! This should already be at the level of bona fide Primordial Gods.* Shi Feng was astonished as he looked at the three steles.

Although his memories of his past life were incomplete, he vaguely understood that the three steles could already match the average Primordial God. If these steles were sentient, they could suppress Ancient Gods with just a thought. This included Ancient Gods who had reached Level 240 and above. These steles were no longer existences that those at Tier 6 could hope to resist.

The three steles had varied offerings. Starting from Shi Feng’s left, the words “Divine Law” were engraved on the first stele, the words “Divine Concentration” were engraved

on the second stele, and the words “Divine Technique” were engraved on the third stele. Evidently, the three steles corresponded to God’s Domain’s Three Foundational Legacies.

The Three Foundational Legacies were the same for all races. Whether it was the human race or the Holy Race, the players of both races needed to study World Laws. As for technique, the human race’s combat techniques and Mana Techniques, the Holy Race’s Holy Arts, and the Crystallian race’s Implement Manipulation Technique could all be put under this category. The concept of Concentration was also uniform across all races. If players wished to advance to Tier 6, their Concentration must reach the Tier 6 standard. Additionally, if a player’s Concentration increased, so would their overall strength.

“Are we only allowed to choose one of these three steles?” Extreme Feather grew hesitant as she examined the three steles.

Every one of God’s Domain’s Three Foundational Legacies was of utmost importance. Players could achieve a qualitative transformation if they improved in all three categories. But now, the central area’s rules limited them to only one Legacy. If they wanted to inherit all the Legacies of all three steles, they would need to participate in and enter the top 4 of two more Continental Championships.

Shi Feng also grew hesitant as he looked at the steles before him.

When it came to World Laws, he had already learned three Advanced Laws. If he could merge them into one, he could cast a Goddess-ranked Law Projection without any external assistance.

Concentration was also of utmost importance to him. His Concentration had already reached the Tier 6 Peak standard. If he could advance his base Concentration to the Tier 6 Limit standard and apply the Mental Condensation technique, he could potentially undo the Shadow Incinerator’s third seal.

As for techniques, he was also lacking in this department. Presently, besides Dark Moon, there was nothing else in his repertoire that he could use against sixth-floor experts. Neither the Gold-ranked Sword’s Orbit nor Flowing Space’s Third Step were strong enough for the job. If he could improve his mastery over the two techniques, he wouldn’t be limited to using The End to threaten sixth-floor experts.

While Shi Feng and everyone else hesitated, Ink Crystal and her party members moved with purpose. As if premeditated, the six moved toward two of the three steles.

Ink Crystal alone chose the Divine Concentration stele, while her five party members chose the Divine Law stele.



“None of them chose technique?” The Ink Crystal Party’s choices perplexed Verdant Rainbow.

Out of the Three Foundational Legacies, Technique Legacies could provide players with the most apparent improvements. Take Gold Combat Techniques, for example. If a fourth-floor expert learned one, they could instantly put up a fight against fifth-floor experts. If a fourth-floor expert learned a set of Gold Combat Techniques, even defeating fifth-floor experts wouldn’t be out of the question.

As for Advanced Gold Combat Techniques, they could give even Unthinking Realm experts a headache in the right hands. If Shi Feng hadn’t learned the Goddess-ranked Mana Technique Dark Moon, he couldn’t have stood up against Ink Crystal. Their fight would have ended as soon as it began.

“They probably aren’t lacking such Legacies,” Shi Feng said after giving the matter some thought.

When Verdant Rainbow looked at Ink Crystal’s fading figure, she couldn’t help but agree with Shi Feng.

Normally, Advanced Gold-ranked techniques were already considered an exceedingly rare treasure by the various royal powers, let alone the Legacy held by the 300,000-meter-tall Divine Technique stele. No matter how she thought about it, the Divine Technique Legacy should be a Peak Gold-ranked technique at the very least.

Yet, nobody from the Ink Crystal Party chose the Divine Technique stele. While this decision initially confused Verdant Rainbow, she quickly understood the reason behind this decision when she recalled the two Peak Gold Implement Manipulation Techniques Ink Crystal had used—the Ink Crystal Party did not lack Peak Gold-ranked techniques.

Since Ink Crystal did not lack techniques and her progress in World Laws had reached a point where she could cast a Primordial God-ranked Law Projection, the optimal choice here would naturally be to improve her Concentration.

Meanwhile, after realizing the intent behind the Ink Crystal Party’s choices, everyone quickly understood what they should base their decision on. They could either further enhance their strengths or compensate for their weaknesses.

While everyone considered which Legacy they should choose, the Divine Law stele suddenly lit up. Then, all five of Ink Crystal’s party members appeared in front of the stele and collapsed one after another, looking incredibly feeble.

“What happened to them?”

Everyone was stunned when they saw that Ink Crystal's party members had spent less than 20 minutes challenging the Divine Law stele. Garuda and those experienced with the central area's challenges were especially shocked.

Normally, when challenging the 60,000-meter-tall steles and statues, players needed at least an hour or two to secure an A-rank evaluation. Yet, these five Half-step Mortal Gods had concluded their challenge in just 16 minutes.

"Could the challenge be very simple? Is that why they finished it so quickly?" Phoenix Flame wondered as she started walking toward the five players, intending to ask them about the challenge they faced.

However, before Phoenix Flame could approach the five players, the Divine Law stele revealed two evaluations. At the same time, three of the five players transformed into streaks of light and disappeared, leaving only the bald young man and a girl with a ponytail.

Desert River—Crystallian Race—Age 17—Evaluation – C

Flaming Lotus—Crystallian Race—Age 16—Evaluation – C

Silence enveloped the area following this development as everyone stared at the Divine Law stele in disbelief.

Five Half-step Mortal Gods, each equipped with a Divine Artifact, had challenged the Divine Law stele confidently. Yet, their challenge concluded in less than 20 minutes, with three failing their challenge and the other two receiving only a passing evaluation. After seeing this, no one could imagine how difficult the stele's challenge was.

Just when everyone was gradually returning to their senses, the Divine Concentration stele suddenly lit up, and a person flew out. This person was none other than the Mortal God Ink Crystal. However, the current Ink Crystal was riddled with wounds, and she was obviously heavily injured. When she landed on the ground, she even stumbled and nearly fell.

More importantly, it hadn't been more than 10 minutes since Desert River and Flaming Lotus concluded their challenge...

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## **Chapter 3750: Alternate Ending 824 - Choice**

Chapter 824 – Choice

“Why is she out already?”

Everyone couldn't believe their eyes when they saw Ink Crystal emerge from the Divine Concentration stele.

It was one thing for Desert River and Flaming Lotus to return quickly. However, nobody expected Ink Crystal to return so soon as well.

They had seen for themselves how strong Ink Crystal was. She was the undisputed number-one expert in this season's Continental Championship. Nobody would find it strange even if she spent half a day inside the Divine Concentration stele. Yet, she had concluded her challenge less than 40 minutes after she started it. Just how difficult was the challenge for her to be defeated so quickly?

However, unlike everyone else, Garuda still did not give up hope. Quickly, he turned to the Divine Concentration stele to check Ink Crystal's evaluation.

As someone who had experienced the central area's challenges in the past, Garuda knew that while time spent in a challenge could be used to estimate a player's evaluation, it wasn't always accurate.

Subsequently, Ink Crystal's evaluation appeared on the Divine Concentration stele with a flash.

Ink Crystal—Crystallian Race—Age 16—Evaluation – A

“Sure enough!”

Garuda's complexion brightened considerably when he saw this evaluation.

“That gave me a scare. Thank goodness she received an A.”

Everyone else was similarly relieved upon seeing the evaluation shown on the Divine Concentration stele. This was especially so for Extreme Feather, Death Wind, and those visiting the Crucible's central area for the first time.

If even a Mortal God like Ink Crystal scored only a C- or B-rank evaluation, players who weren't even Half-step Mortal Gods like themselves would have no hope of passing the Three Great Legacies' challenges.

However, since Ink Crystal got an A-rank evaluation, players beneath Half-step Mortal Gods would still have a chance at securing a C-rank evaluation. So long as they could get a C-rank evaluation, they could at least receive some rewards rather than leave empty-handed.

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“What an ignorant bunch!” Desert River, the bald young man of the Ink Crystal Party, sneered as he watched the members of the other parties sigh in relief. “Do they think that whatever we can accomplish, they can too? Do they think the term Half-step Mortal God exists for nothing?”

Flaming Lotus, the girl with the ponytail, nodded, surprisingly agreeing with Desert River’s words.

“Ignore them and focus on recovering,” Ink Crystal said as she consumed a Concentration Recovery Potion and sat down. “Once they’re done with their challenge and we receive our reward, we will leave immediately. We still have many things to do later.”

Hearing this, Desert River and Flaming Lotus stopped paying attention to the other parties and focused on their recovery while waiting for the other parties to finish their challenge.

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“Guild Leader, what should we do?” Gentle Snow asked Shi Feng worriedly. “Should the three of us choose these three steles?”

“Guild Leader, I think these three steles are a little too difficult for us three. I think it would be better if we went for the other steles,” Fervent Samsara said.

“I agree. Otherwise, we could very well waste this precious opportunity,” Heavy Abyss added.

Gentle Snow, Fervent Samsara, and Heavy Abyss were well aware of their respective circumstances. They couldn’t even match experts like Phoenix Flame in combat standards, let alone Half-step Mortal Gods like Desert River. If even Half-step Mortal Gods only had a chance to get a passing evaluation, it was very unlikely they could pass the Three Great Legacies’ challenges.

“No, you should still go for these steles,” Shi Feng said, shaking his head. Then, while looking at Ink Crystal’s group, he continued, “You only need to avoid the Divine Law stele. Depending on which you are most proficient in, choose between the Divine Technique and Divine Concentration steles.”

Shi Feng was certain that it didn’t matter how well they scored in the other steles and statues in the central area. Even acquiring an S-rank evaluation for the other steles and statues probably wouldn’t benefit them as much as acquiring a C-rank evaluation for the three tallest steles.

In his previous life, the Three Absolutes had clearly stated that the Crucible of the Ancients held the method to go beyond Tier 6. If any Legacies in the current Crucible held such a method, he felt it would have to be the three steles before him.

Not to mention, the Ink Crystal Party seemed to know a lot about the Crucible of the Ancients. Desert River and Flaming Lotus could have easily secured an S-rank evaluation had they challenged any other stele or statue. Yet, they insisted on the Divine Law stele. Moreover, they did not get upset even after acquiring a C-rank evaluation. This showed that merely acquiring a C-rank evaluation was already a worthwhile outcome.

Hence, it would be a shame for Gentle Snow, Fervent Samsara, and Heavy Abyss to not even try.

The Ink Crystal Party's choices also gave a general idea of the three steles' challenges. If players only sought to get good results, they should challenge their most proficient field rather than their weaknesses.

When Ink Crystal's five party members chose the Divine Law stele, they did so to compensate for their weaknesses. On the other hand, Ink Crystal was incredibly strong in Concentration. The fact that she could accomplish Manifold Executions proved this. Hence, she got an A-rank evaluation, while Desert River and Flaming Lotus only got C-rank evaluations.

Meanwhile, Garuda and Elise evidently reached the same conclusion as they had their party members challenge the three steles based on their strengths. Then, the two challenged the Divine Concentration stele like Ink Crystal.

"Let's go in as well."

When Shi Feng saw Garuda and the others finish choosing, he walked up and entered the Divine Law stele. His achievements in World Laws were undeniably better than his achievements in Concentration and technique, so the Divine Law stele was his best option.

Meanwhile, Gentle Snow, Verdant Rainbow, and Death Wind chose to challenge the Divine Technique stele, while Fervent Samsara and Heavy Abyss chose the Divine Concentration stele.

"At least they're smart enough to go for their field of expertise after watching us suffer," Desert River said, clicking his tongue when he saw the three parties' decisions.

Suddenly, Ink Crystal opened her eyes and looked at the three steles before her. Then, with a heavy expression, she said, "Even if they choose their strengths, it's pointless. Apart from Garuda and Elise, the best the others can achieve is C-rank."

Desert River and Flaming Lotus chuckled when they heard Ink Crystal's words. They could imagine the looks of shock the three parties' members would wear once they were inside the three steles.

Inside, these people would learn just how weak they were.

They would also learn that even the peerless chosen ones of an entire race were nothing more than ants.

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## **Chapter 3751: Alternate Ending 825 - Geniuses of the Myriad Worlds**

### **Chapter 825 – Geniuses of the Myriad Worlds**

Upon entering the Divine Law stele, Shi Feng found himself in an endless sea of stars. Amidst this starry sea was a three-story tower of epic proportions, and its presence here was akin to that of an overlord as countless worlds orbited it.

When Shi Feng looked at these worlds, he could see countless players residing in them. Not only did these worlds house human, Crystallian, and Holy Race players, but there were also players whose races Shi Feng had never seen before.

*Incredible!*

Upon inspecting these worlds, Shi Feng was dumbfounded. This was because he could vaguely see many foreign players whose strength matched Garuda's. Some even felt as strong as Ink Crystal.

What shocked Shi Feng the most was that these worlds housed players even more terrifying than Ink Crystal.

Meanwhile, after Shi Feng flew into the tower's first floor, an icy, mechanical voice rang in his ears.

System: You are required to survive against a genius from the myriad worlds. You may choose your opponent from one of three grades. Your opponent will be fully equipped with Legendary Weapons and Equipment. Survive for thirty seconds, and you may proceed to the next floor. The quality of the Legacy you will receive on the next floor will depend on your opponent's grade.

Subsequently, Shi Feng appeared on a ring with a 1,000-yard radius, and a translucent screen appeared before him.

The screen showed three grades based on the World Tower's standards. The first grade corresponded to the pseudo-sixth-floor standard, the second grade corresponded to the sixth-floor standard, and the third grade corresponded to the sixth-floor ranker standard.

Assuming he could ascend to the second floor, he would receive a Complete Possession Law Legacy of a different quality, depending on which grade he chose his opponent from. The first grade would grant him a Pseudo-Primordial God's Legacy, the second grade would grant him a Primordial God's Legacy, and the third grade would grant him a Legacy from a mighty being, even among Primordial Gods.

*No wonder three of the Ink Crystal Party's members got disqualified.* Realization dawned on Shi Feng as he looked at the screen. He also couldn't help but be surprised.

Possession Legacies were among the best kinds of Legacies in God's Domain. Unlike Legacy Guidances, which only unilaterally allowed players to experience the use of a technique or World Law, Possession Legacies allowed players to possess the bodies of the Legacies' creators. This, in turn, allowed players to gain and experience the creators' perceptions and even thoughts as they used their Legacies.

Meanwhile, Complete Possession Legacies were even more incredible. This was because they allowed players to go through their creators' breakthrough process. Players could experience firsthand the birth of a Legacy. This would greatly help them avoid detours when learning a Legacy.

Most of the players who could reach this mighty tower were unlikely to settle for a Pseudo-Primordial God's Complete Possession Legacy. They would definitely make the third grade of experts their first choice, as this could help them break through the confines of Tier 6 in the future.

However, sixth-floor rankers were not ordinary sixth-floor experts. Based on Shi Feng's past life experiences, experts of this standard were likely to be at the late stage of the sixth floor. They were not opponents an entry-level sixth-floor expert like Ink Crystal could match, much less Half-step Mortal Gods like Ink Crystal's party members.

Even if the selected sixth-floor ranker was only equipped with Legendary Weapons and Equipment, a Half-step Mortal God equipped with a Divine Artifact would have difficulty surviving against the other party for a long time.

While Shi Feng pondered which grade he should select, the mechanical voice from before began to urge him.

"You still have ten seconds to decide! You will be teleported away if you do not make a choice!"

Subsequently, a countdown timer appeared on the screen.



Ten... Nine... Eight...

*To hell with it!* Gritting his teeth, Shi Feng chose to challenge an opponent from the third grade.

Although the safer choice here would be the second grade, he couldn't give up on the Legacy of an existence considered mighty even among Primordial Gods. Not to mention, he was equipped with the God Chaser Set. With it, his Basic Attributes could rival Level 190 players equipped with three Divine Artifacts. He had a much greater advantage than Desert River and Flaming Lotus. If they could survive for 30 seconds, there was no reason he couldn't.

The instant Shi Feng made his choice, a gnome-like young man who wasn't even one meter in height appeared before him. The gnome youth was fully equipped with Legendary Weapons and Equipment, and he was similarly at Level 190. However, the gnome youth was in a completely different league from Ink Crystal. The instant the gnome youth appeared, Shi Feng felt like a mountain had fallen onto his shoulders, and his Basic Attributes started to plummet.

"Crap! What is this Law Projection?!" Shi Feng couldn't help but curse out loud as he looked at the gnome youth before him. He also couldn't understand how Desert River and Flaming Lotus survived this challenge.

Currently, Shi Feng already had his Pseudo-Goddess Law Projection active. Yet, his Basic Attributes still fell by 50%. This suppression was even greater than when he used his complete Goddess Law Projection to suppress Garuda's Pseudo-Primordial God Law Projection.

Under such suppression, even Level 190 players equipped with three Divine Artifacts would have their Basic Attributes reduced to the same standard as the gnome youth's.

Before Shi Feng could recover from his shock, the gnome youth raised the two claw-like weapons he wielded and instantly split into a hundred doppelgangers. Then, each doppelganger tore apart space with their claws as they converged their weapons at a single point, creating a black hole-like object.

*A Peak Gold Fusion Technique?* Shi Feng was stunned by this scene.

A Twofold Peak Gold-ranked technique was the limit of what most sixth-floor experts could achieve. An example would be Ink Crystal, who could use the Twofold Thornstorm. The control required to execute such a technique was already freakish.

Nevertheless, the gnome youth had merged two Peak Gold-ranked techniques. The complexity of this technique was leagues above Ink Crystal's Twofold Thornstorm. It was comparable to the difference between Tier 5 and Tier 6 Spells.

Upon seeing the Peak Gold Fusion Technique, Shi Feng threw his calm aside and frantically used his trump cards one after another.

World's Descent!

Sword Law World!

Void Barrier!

Immediately, Shi Feng's Law Projection was no longer suppressed thoroughly. Even so, he could only extend his Law Projection up to 50 yards in the presence of the gnome youth's Law Projection, and his Basic Attributes were still weakened by 20%. Meanwhile, due to Sword Law World's effect, the power of the gnome youth's black hole fell by 30%.

However, despite this change, Shi Feng still saw the Void Barrier cracking bit by bit the instant the black hole touched it. Evidently, the Void Barrier could not withstand the black hole's power.

War Goddess Summoning!

Heroic Pledge!

When Shi Feng saw the Void Barrier cracking, he knew he would face certain death if he couldn't block the gnome youth's attack. Immediately, he summoned six War Goddesses, intending to resist to the very end.

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## **Chapter 3752: Alternate Ending 826 - First Generation Primordial God**

### **Chapter 826 – First Generation Primordial God**

When the gnome youth saw Shi Feng summoning six Level 200 War Goddesses, a hint of disdain flashed in his eyes, and his Strength Attribute skyrocketed once more. Evidently, he had used a Berserk Skill to counteract Sword Law World's effects and return his black hole to full power.

“Activate your battle array to block it!”

Shi Feng wasn't surprised to see the black hole recover its power. In response, he had the War Goddesses activate their battle array to defend against the attack.

The Feather of Oath, also known as the Twelve Heavenly Wings, was one of the Goddess of Space's most prized possessions. While each War Goddess might not be as strong as an Ancient God of the same level, if all the summoned War Goddesses formed their unique battle array, they could hold their ground against even Primordial Gods of the same level.

As Shi Feng could only summon up to six War Goddesses, he could not reproduce the complete War Goddess Battle Array. Even so, with the effects of the incomplete battle array and Heroic Pledge, the six War Goddesses should have no trouble withstanding the gnome youth's attack. After all, NPCs had much greater amounts of HP than players.

Meanwhile, after the War Goddesses formed their battle array, a spear-wielding War Goddess, the recipient of the Heroic Pledge, swung her spear and caused the surrounding space to stagnate. A moment later, a barrier made of divine patterns appeared before her and collided with the approaching black hole.

Advanced Gold Defensive Technique, God's Protection!

*Boom!*

A sizable portion of the ring vanished along with a loud boom, leaving behind a dark void.

"How resilient," the gnome youth said when he saw Shi Feng still alive. After blocking his attack, the spear-wielding War Goddess had been sent flying 100 yards away and lost 5% of her HP. Meanwhile, because of Void Barrier's protection, Shi Feng escaped unscathed. "But how many times can these War Goddesses protect you?"

After saying so, the gnome youth executed the same Peak Gold Fusion Technique, leaving no time for Shi Feng to catch his breath.

*Is this a ranker's strength?* Shi Feng was shocked when he saw the damage the spear-wielding War Goddess had sustained. Although he had already estimated that the gnome youth could cause significant damage to the War Goddess, he didn't think she would lose 5% of her HP from one attack.

Even the average NPC would have ten times or more HP than players of the same level and tier. Naturally, War Goddesses, who possessed superior Life Rating, would have even more HP. Even if a War Goddess stood still and did nothing, a player of the same level and tier would need considerable time to kill her.

Yet, the gnome youth managed to cause 5% HP damage to the spear-wielding War Goddess, even after she had used an Advanced Gold Defensive Technique. If it were a player standing in her place, the gnome youth's attack could have killed them several times over.

When Shi Feng saw the second black hole approaching, he dared not let the War Goddess receive it as she had before. Immediately, he activated World of Frost and executed Sword's Orbit with the summoned frost swords. Simultaneously, he executed Flowing Space, transforming into a streak of light as he frantically tried to evade the gnome youth's attack.

Although Shi Feng could not use the Gold-ranked Sword's Orbit to block the black hole, he could attack the gnome youth's claws to disrupt the other party's attack.

When it came to the Strength Attribute, Shi Feng had quite the advantage over the gnome youth. So, although he could only land some of his attacks on the gnome youth's claws, he still managed to affect the other party's attack rate to a large extent and buy himself precious time.

Twenty-eight seconds... Twenty seconds... Ten seconds...

"Despicable ant! Is running the only thing you know?!" The gnome youth gnashed his teeth as he watched Shi Feng scurry about.

When executing Flowing Space, Shi Feng could achieve speeds comparable to the gnome youth. Although the gnome youth could still accurately predict Shi Feng's movements, the constant interruption of the frost swords and War Goddesses forced him to spend much more time preparing and launching an attack at Shi Feng.

Originally, the gnome youth could have killed Shi Feng in under one second. Now, he needed over one second to launch an accurate attack at Shi Feng and force the spear-wielding War Goddess to block it.

When less than three seconds remained, the spear-wielding War Goddess still had a little over 50% of her HP. When the gnome youth saw this, a cold glint flashed in his eyes.

"Be proud that you have forced me to this point!"

Suddenly, the gnome youth stabbed his claws into his chest, and blood spewed all over. The spattered blood turned into 20 clones of the gnome youth, each a perfect replica of the original.

Immediately, the gnome youth and his clones scattered and executed the same Peak Gold Fusion Technique against Shi Feng from all directions.

*Crap!*

When Shi Feng saw the 21 black holes around him, he inwardly cursed, feeling that this challenge was utterly ridiculous. Executing a Peak Gold Fusion Technique over 20 times simultaneously simply wasn't something a mortal should be capable of.

While cursing, Shi Feng instinctively executed Flowing Space and activated Abyssal Eye's Abyssal Power. He also had the six War Goddesses take the initiative to intercept some of the attacks, hoping to increase his chances of survival as much as possible.

*Boom... Boom... Boom...*

The War Goddesses attempted to intercept as many of the gnome youth's attacks as possible. However, even after all six of them died, one black hole still remained, and it threatened to pull Shi Feng into it with its powerful gravitational force.

"Shatter!"

When Shi Feng saw the black hole coming within ten yards of him, he swung the Shadow Incinerator at it with all his might.

The End!

A towering pillar of flames illuminated the ring, and a powerful shockwave shook the barrier protecting the ring.

When the black hole vanished, Shi Feng's bloodied figure fell out of the void. Fortunately, just as he was about to crash into the ring's shattered floor, he corrected his posture and landed on his feet.

*How close. I nearly died.* Shi Feng sighed in relief when he saw that he had less than 1% HP remaining and was heavily injured.

If not for the gnome youth being equipped with only Legendary Weapons and Equipment, Shi Feng would have died, even if he tried to defend himself with The End.

"Dammit!" When the gnome youth saw that Shi Feng had survived, he could only disappear from the ring in frustration.

Following the gnome youth's departure, the system's icy, mechanical voice rang inside the tower.

System: You have passed the first floor trial. You may proceed to the tower's second floor, where you will be randomly assigned a mighty being based on the World Laws you have learned and undergo a Complete Possession Law Legacy. If you can replicate 80% of the Law Legacy, you may proceed to the third floor.

Before Shi Feng could react, he found himself fully recovered. Then, his surroundings changed as he was teleported to the tower's second floor.

“It is detected that you have learned the Advanced Laws of Destruction, Space, and Darkness. The First Generation Primordial God ‘Abyss’ has been designated for you. Please get ready for the Complete Possession.”

When the notification ended, Shi Feng’s consciousness started to grow heavy. Then, he found himself dragged into a chaotic void.

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## **Chapter 3753: Alternate Ending 827 - Law Projection That Exceeds the Primordial God Rank**

Chapter 827 – Law Projection That Exceeds the Primordial God Rank

*Is this a First Generation Primordial God?* Shi Feng wondered as he looked at the 10,000-meter-tall human-like being before him. Although the other party’s figure was shrouded in darkness, he could see countless worlds contained in the other party’s eyes.

Merely looking at these worlds made Shi Feng feel like they were weighing down his body, suffocating him. In front of this mighty being, even Ancient Gods and their ilk were merely jokes. He even felt the average Primordial God was nothing before the Primordial Abyssal God.

Before Shi Feng could inspect the Primordial Abyssal God, his consciousness was drawn into the other party.

*Incredible!* Shi Feng was dumbfounded when he sensed everything the Primordial Abyssal God sensed. *Is this a Primordial God’s perception and strength?*

Within the Primordial Abyssal God’s perception, Shi Feng could sense the existence of five Greater God’s Domains in the Void Sea. Although these Greater God’s Domains were far apart, he felt he could reach them instantly. He also felt like he could easily tear apart their seemingly indestructible World Barriers.

However, rather than these things, what astonished Shi Feng even more was the Void Sea’s magic elements. These magic elements, which were normally violent and uncontrollable, were currently orbiting the Primordial Abyssal God and forming World Laws naturally.

Just as Shi Feng was about to inspect these naturally occurring World Laws, a ten-headed behemoth 100,000 meters tall appeared in the distance. A hundred 10,000-meter-tall monsters followed the behemoth, and they swarmed at the Primordial Abyssal God as soon as they appeared.

Although Shi Feng could not see the level of these monsters, he recognized the 10,000-meter-tall monsters.

Void Eaters!

They were the nightmares of Greater God's Domains. Even existences such as Ancient Gods were nothing more than food to Void Eaters. Even a lone Void Eater could easily destroy a royal power.

In Shi Feng's previous life, a Void Eater invaded the Holy Race's Greater God's Domain. Five royal powers had to join forces at the time to defeat it. Even then, two participating royal powers suffered severe losses, and all five royal powers lost nearly one-third of their territories. Furthermore, four sixth-floor experts suffered permanent deaths.

Fortunately, the human race's Greater God's Domain never had to face such a fearsome monster. Otherwise, it really would have faced destruction.

As for the 100 Void Eaters the Primordial Abyssal God faced, not even ten Holy Races would be enough to defeat them. There was also a ten-headed monster that was clearly stronger than the Void Eaters.

Meanwhile, before these monsters could get within a million yards, the Primordial Abyssal God looked at them.

Suddenly, Shi Feng sensed all the magic elements within a radius of tens of millions of yards coming under the Primordial Abyssal God's control. Then, they swarmed toward the Primordial Abyssal God like bees returning to their nest.

As this happened, the Primordial Abyssal God merged the Laws of Destruction, Space, and Darkness within his body. Then, the Primordial Abyssal God created a rotating miniature world using the three Advanced Laws as the core and the Laws of Water, Earth, Wind, and Fire as the foundation.

When this miniature world took shape, the magic elements within a 5,000,000-yard radius of the Primordial Abyssal God naturally formed a world of darkness that destroyed all forms of foreign energy.

The instant the Primordial Abyssal God's Law Projection took shape, the ten-headed behemoth and the Void Eaters began rapidly losing HP. Additionally, the Void Eaters' movements slowed to a crawl, and their Basic Attributes fell by over 90%.

The ten-headed behemoth, which was still able to move normally, turned around and fled as soon as this happened. As for the Void Eaters, they died before they could escape the Primordial Abyssal God's Law Projection.



“Although my Law Projection still isn’t perfect, at least it has finally reached this step,” the Primordial Abyssal God said in a satisfied tone as he looked at the Void Eaters’ corpses.

When the Primordial Abyssal God finished speaking, Shi Feng’s consciousness withdrew from the other party’s body and retreated into the distance. A few minutes later, Shi Feng found himself back on the tower’s deserted second floor.

*The Primordial Abyssal God truly is powerful. That Law Projection definitely exceeded the standard of the average Primordial God.* When Shi Feng recalled how the Primordial Abyssal God utilized his three Advanced Laws and four Basic Laws, he was amazed.

Merely merging World Laws was already challenging for most Tier 6 players, let alone combining them to form a world. Yet, the Primordial Abyssal God did it. Although it must have taken the Primordial Abyssal God countless attempts to reach this outcome, he nevertheless succeeded.

The miniature law world’s rotation was like a galaxy’s rotation. It occurred naturally and did not require active control from the Primordial Abyssal God. Because of this, the Primordial Abyssal God’s Law Projection could achieve scale and stability superior to any Law Projection requiring active control.

System: You are required to recreate the Abyssal World immediately. You have three attempts. Your performance will be judged based on your best result. You have ten seconds to prepare.

When Shi Feng heard the system’s notification, he instantly snapped out of his daze.

*I don’t even get time to think?* The notification rendered Shi Feng speechless. However, he dared not waste time. Immediately, he consumed an Eternal God Crystal and began attempting to create the Abyssal World inside his body.

The Primordial Abyssal God’s Law Projection was completely different from the average Law Projection. The average Law Projection’s formation required active manipulation of magic elements. However, instead of doing that, the Primordial Abyssal God created a miniature world within his body. While the process of creating this miniature world was extremely complicated, since Shi Feng got to share the Primordial Abyssal God’s senses, he could view every step of the process with perfect clarity.

Although Shi Feng had not fully mastered the four Basic Laws the Primordial Abyssal God used, he could still imitate them since Basic Laws were much easier to learn than Advanced Laws.

On his first attempt, Shi Feng easily merged the three Advanced Laws. However, because he failed to merge the four Basic Laws properly, he didn’t even manage to

create a miniature world. As a result, he concluded his first attempt with only a 16% Legacy Completion Rate.

On his second attempt, Shi Feng was extremely careful when merging the four Basic Laws. In return for his patience, a miniature world formed within his body. Only, because of a problem with how he manipulated the four Basic Laws, the miniature world collapsed two seconds after it formed, and his second attempt ended with a 49% Legacy Completion Rate.

On his third attempt, Shi Feng spent ten seconds familiarizing himself with the four Basic Laws' operations before he started to construct a miniature world inside his body. Ultimately, he managed to create a miniature world and maintain it for ten seconds before it collapsed due to his Concentration giving out. His third attempt concluded with a 73% Legacy Completion Rate.

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## Chapter 3754: Alternate Ending 828 - Evaluation

### Chapter 828 – Evaluation

Crucible of the Ancients, Central Area:

“Your Highness! You got a B for your evaluation!” Phoenix Flame said excitedly when she saw Elise getting kicked out of the Divine Concentration stele. “You’ve also exited slightly later than Garuda! This makes you the second best out of everyone here!”

*B-rank?* Elise sighed in relief when she saw her results displayed on the Divine Concentration stele. *Thank goodness I saved a trump card. Otherwise, I would have concluded the challenge with a C-rank evaluation.*

Meanwhile, Garuda couldn't help but scrutinize Elise when he saw her results. He hadn't thought Elise could also score a B-rank evaluation.

“It's only a B. If we weren't trying to compensate for our weaknesses, we could have easily scored a B,” Desert River scoffed when he heard Phoenix Flame celebrating Elise's results.

Flaming Lotus nodded in agreement. She was similarly dissatisfied by this situation.

“Don't feel disgruntled,” Ink Crystal calmly said as she glanced at her two party members. “They are not like you. With the current Legacies the Holy Race and human race have, their talent is already at the level of monsters. They can most likely reach the

sixth-floor standard in the near future, so it's normal for them to get a B-rank evaluation."

"Leader, do you think *that* item will appear?" Desert River asked, diverting his attention from Phoenix Flame and Elise.

Whether it was Garuda or Elise, they were indeed talented individuals. However, compared to the members of the Ink Crystal Party, they were nothing but ants. Their goals in attending the Continental Championship had never been the same since the beginning.

"It should appear," Ink Crystal said after some thought. "This is the first Continental Championship after the major system update. I have also scored an A. So, there's at least a 50% chance *that* item will show up as a reward for me, while you two should have a 10% chance of acquiring it."

"Only 10%?"

Desert River and Flaming Lotus started to feel regret when they heard Ink Crystal's words.

"Even if you score a B-rank evaluation, the probability of *that* item showing up won't reach 20%," Ink Crystal said in consolation. "After all, *that* item is the key to advancing beyond Tier 6. Do you think it can be obtained so easily?"

"It seems we'll have to try our luck again next time."

After thinking it over, Desert River and Flaming Lotus agreed with Ink Crystal. To begin with, they had only participated in the Continental Championship to try their luck. After all, they were only Half-step Mortal Gods. Out of everyone in their party, only Ink Crystal had a chance to obtain *that* item.

While Ink Crystal and Desert River conversed, a figure was suddenly blasted out of the Divine Law stele.

"Your Highness! Black Flame is out!" Phoenix Flame smiled when she saw who got kicked out of the Divine Law stele. "I thought he could last a little longer inside, but he didn't even survive for thirty minutes! It seems he has also scored a C-rank evaluation only."

Phoenix Flame was greatly dissatisfied by the fact that Shi Feng had led the Verdant Rainbow Party to secure second place in the Continental Championship. It was especially so after she saw how the Verdant Rainbow Party performed when challenging the Three Great Legacies. Gentle Snow, Fervent Samsara, Heavy Abyss, and Verdant Rainbow had all scored C-rank evaluations in their challenges. The only person who failed was Death Wind. This was a truly confusing and frustrating situation.

Fortunately, Phoenix Flame didn't have to experience even more frustration as Shi Feng concluded his challenge only a few minutes after Gentle Snow and the others.

"He didn't even last thirty minutes?" Extreme Feather looked at Shi Feng with disdain when she saw how quickly he had concluded his challenge.

The Verdant Rainbow Party placed second in the Continental Championship. Although the party's members could not equip any Divine Artifacts, they were not restricted in how many Fragmented Divine Artifacts they could equip. Hence, they had a significant advantage in Basic Attributes over the members of third- and fourth-ranked parties.

Since Shi Feng and his party members lasted only as long as she did, it meant that their talent was inferior to hers.

*Sure enough, scoring a B-rank evaluation is tough for those who haven't reached the Half-step Mortal God standard.* When Garuda saw Shi Feng's pale complexion and how quickly the other party had concluded his challenge, he wasn't particularly surprised. Subsequently, he turned to look at the resting Star Maiden and thought, *It seems Elise will be my only opponent in the next season.*

At the same time, Elise also looked at Garuda, similarly considering him her greatest opponent in the next Continental Championship.

Unlike Verdant Rainbow, the two of them knew how important it was to perform well in the central area's Legacy challenges after the major system update. Even if their scores were only one rank higher, the rewards they would receive later would be worlds apart, and such a difference in rewards would create an unimaginable gap between them in the future.

"Dammit! The Guild Leader is only one minute short of reaching the thirty-minute mark!" Gentle Snow felt frustrated as she looked at the system clock.

Based on everyone's challenge results, the 30-minute mark could be regarded as a milestone. Those who lasted 30 minutes in their challenges were virtually guaranteed a B-rank evaluation, while those who failed to last 30 minutes would either score a C-rank evaluation or fail. The only exception to this rule so far was Ink Crystal.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng spent 29 minutes on his challenge. He was just one minute short of reaching the B-rank threshold.

*Twenty-nine minutes?* Shi Feng was a little surprised when he overheard all the discussion. *Was I inside for that long?*

As far as he could recall, he had only spent 30 seconds battling on the first floor and a few minutes possessing the Primordial Abyssal God and learning how to create the

Abyssal World. Although he had also spent some time entering the tower, he wouldn't get anywhere near 29 minutes even if he added everything up.

"Only a C?" Ink Crystal looked at Shi Feng. "What a pity."

Originally, Ink Crystal thought Shi Feng could secure a B-rank evaluation. However, it seemed that she overestimated him.

As everyone waited for the system to announce the rewards for the Legacy challenge, the Divine Law stele suddenly shone with a golden radiance that illuminated the central area.

When the golden radiance faded, a line of information gradually appeared on the Divine Law stele. Upon seeing this information, everyone gasped.

"This... How is this possible?"

"Am I hallucinating?"

When Desert River saw the latest information on the Divine Law stele, he couldn't help but rub his eyes and check again. However, no matter how many times he repeated this action, the outcome remained the same.

Black Flame—Human Race—Age 31—Evaluation – S!

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## **Chapter 3755: Alternate Ending 829 - Promotion Land**

Chapter 829 – Promotion Land

"S-rank?"

"Didn't he spend less than thirty minutes inside?"

Phoenix Flame, Extreme Feather, and everyone else couldn't believe their eyes when they saw Shi Feng's results. This was especially so for Garuda and Elise.

"Could there be an error?" When Garuda saw Shi Feng's pale complexion, he couldn't imagine how Shi Feng could receive an S-rank evaluation.

Even a bona fide sixth-floor expert like Ink Crystal had only scored an A-rank evaluation. Besides an error with the stele, Garuda couldn't think of any other reason for Shi Feng's S ranking.

“Leader, is there really something wrong with the Divine Law stele?” Flaming Lotus asked as she turned to look at Ink Crystal.

“The stele cannot be wrong.” Ink Crystal shook her head. Then, she turned to look at Shi Feng, smiling as she said, “Although the stele’s challenge primarily tests combat standards, a player’s talent also weighs considerably in the evaluation. His S-rank evaluation shows he has extraordinary talent in World Laws.”

“Should we recruit him, then?” Flaming Lotus asked in a hushed tone. “With his talent and S-rank evaluation, it is likely he can reach *that* step. If he succeeds, he can be of great help to us in the future.”

“Reach *that* step?” Ink Crystal laughed as she looked at Flaming Lotus. “It’s only his talent for learning World Laws that sticks out. Reaching *that* step is easier said than done. Not to mention, Black Flame has no noteworthy power backing him. Even with our support, his chances of reaching *that* step would be less than 10%. I’d rather recruit Garuda than Black Flame. At least Garuda has multiple royal powers backing him.”

Flaming Lotus fell silent at Ink Crystal’s words.

Indeed, reaching *that* step required more than talent. Players also required sufficient backing. Meanwhile, Garuda, who had the support of more than one royal power, would have a much greater chance of reaching *that* step than Shi Feng, who didn’t have even one royal power’s support.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, you truly are full of surprises,” Verdant Rainbow exclaimed as she walked up to Shi Feng. “An S-rank evaluation... Even Ink Crystal only scored an A-rank evaluation. Once word of this spreads, the various apex powers will likely try to get your help for the next Continental Championship at any cost.”

The fact that Shi Feng helped her get second place in the Continental Championship already exceeded her expectations. It was definitely worth her going through the effort to acquire all those precious materials for Shi Feng. She had even gained two admission tickets for the next Continental Championship.

Now that Shi Feng had scored an S-rank evaluation in the Divine Law stele’s challenge, it went without saying the rewards he would receive later would be much better than those of Garuda and Elise, who only scored B-rank evaluations. This meant that Shi Feng was likely to surpass Garuda and Elise in strength by the time the next Continental Championship came around. For various human apex powers seeking to acquire the Crucible of the Ancients’ Legacies, apart from Demon’s Gate, everyone else would not let go of the opportunity to partner with Shi Feng.

“I was just lucky,” Shi Feng said, chuckling.

He was well aware of his circumstances. He achieved a 73% Legacy Completion Rate on his last attempt only because he had performed every step flawlessly. If given another try, he doubted he could achieve even a 60% Legacy Completion Rate, let alone 73%.

“You are too humble,” Verdant Rainbow said, shaking her head. Then, she put on a serious expression and continued, “Guild Leader Black Flame, would you be willing to deepen your trade relations with the Seven Luminaries Alliance after this?”

When Shi Feng heard Verdant Rainbow’s suggestion, he understood she had her sights set on the next Continental Championship. Thus, he readily replied, “Naturally.”

The Seven Luminaries Alliance was a transcendental apex power among the human race. Its resources and connections far exceeded Zero Wing’s reach. If Zero Wing could deepen its trade relations with the Seven Luminaries Alliance, its development speed would skyrocket.

While everyone was digesting Shi Feng’s results, a system notification suddenly rang in their ears.

System: Congratulations to all who passed the Legacy Trials! Each player will now be granted a reward based on their evaluation. You may choose one of the offered rewards based on your preferences!

When the system notification ended, the three steles released streaks of light at the players before them.

System: Congratulations! You have received an S-rank evaluation from the Divine Law Stele. You may choose one of two rewards.

System: For the first option, you will receive one complete Primordial God-ranked Law Projection Legacy Guidance, the Primordial Abyssal God’s Blessing, and a Legendary Tier 7 Promotion Land Scroll.

System: For the second option, you will receive one Inferior Divine Tier 7 Promotion Land Scroll.

*Tier 7 Promotion Land?*

Shi Feng’s hands trembled slightly when he saw the two reward options. Although he had long known that the Crucible of the Ancients held a method to go beyond Tier 6, he hadn’t thought scoring an S-rank evaluation in the Three Great Legacies’ challenges would let him enter the Tier 7 Promotion Land directly.

However, after recovering from his surprise, he hesitated over which option to choose.



Although the first reward option only offered a Legendary Tier 7 Promotion Land Scroll, it also offered a Primordial God-ranked Law Projection Legacy Guidance. If he received this Legacy Guidance, he could almost certainly advance his Law Projection to the Primordial God standard. In that case, he could suppress most Tier 6 players he faced in the future regarding Law Projections.

The Primordial Abyssal God's Blessing was also amazing. In God's Domain, even a God-ranked Blessing could raise the average NPC's Life Rating to the standard of Heroes. A Primordial God-ranked Blessing could absolutely raise a player's Life Rating to whole new heights.

If he could have a Primordial God-ranked Law Projection and the Primordial Abyssal God's Blessing, he would have a much easier time challenging his Tier 7 promotion.

However, the Inferior Divine Tier 7 Promotion Land Scroll was also irresistible. According to the two scrolls' introductions, the Legendary version only gave him one opportunity to enter his Tier 7 Promotion Land, whereas the Inferior Divine version gave him two opportunities.

With the Inferior Divine Tier 7 Promotion Land Scroll, even if he failed his first attempt, he could have a second chance at his Tier 7 promotion. This would undoubtedly increase his chances of going beyond Tier 6. After all, neither he nor anybody else knew anything about Tier 7 Promotion Lands right now. If he could experience his Tier 7 Promotion Land before his serious attempt, he could prepare better for his Tier 7 promotion.

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## **Chapter 3756: Alternate Ending 830 - Players From Outside the Eternal Realm**

### **Chapter 830 – Players From Outside the Eternal Realm**

*Which should I go for?* Shi Feng hesitated as he considered the two reward options.

The first reward option would grant him a significant increase in strength, thereby increasing his chances of advancing to Tier 7.

The second reward option granted him an additional attempt at challenging his Tier 7 promotion. If he failed his first attempt, he wouldn't need to wait until the next Continental Championship and enter the top 4 again to reattempt his Tier 7 promotion.

However, before Shi Feng could consider his options properly, another system notification rang in his ears.

System: You have ten seconds left to make a decision. If you fail to decide, you will be teleported out of the Crucible of the Ancients without any rewards.

System: Nine seconds remain.

System: Eight seconds remain.

*Not even a chance to think, huh?* When Shi Feng saw the countdown, he looked at the others around him and saw that their bodies were fading. Evidently, they had already determined the best reward for themselves.

System: Six seconds remain.

"I pick the second option!" After thinking it over, Shi Feng gritted his teeth and chose the second reward option.

The complete Primordial God-ranked Law Projection Legacy Guidance and the Primordial Abyssal God's Blessing might be tempting, but he knew advancing to Tier 7 wouldn't be easy.

In his previous life, the Three Absolutes could have entered the Continental Championship's top 4 multiple times had they kept participating together. Yet, they stopped participating entirely after entering the top 4 once. They also never advanced to Tier 7. Shi Feng could think of two reasons for this situation.

The first reason was that the Three Absolutes knew there was no hope of advancing to Tier 7. Hence, they decided to give up trying altogether.

The second reason was that each player could only get one opportunity to advance to Tier 7 via the Crucible of the Ancients. Afterward, players would not receive any more opportunities, regardless of how many times they entered the Crucible's central area.

Regardless of the situation, it was best if Shi Feng chose the second reward option.

After Shi Feng made his decision, a tattered scroll appeared in his bag space. Countless divine runes were imprinted on the scroll, and the scroll itself radiated Divine Might that rivaled that of Divine Artifacts. However, before Shi Feng could inspect the scroll, his consciousness blurred momentarily, and his surroundings changed completely when he recovered.

*Am I back?*

When Shi Feng saw the familiar entrance of Shadowring Town's Zero Wing Residence, he felt like he had just awakened from a dream.

Currently, there was a stream of players coming and going from the Residence. Foot traffic had more than doubled. Many Holy Race players also walked the streets of the town, all of them at Level 185 or above. Some of these players have even reached Level 190 already.

The players walking nearby were taken aback when Shi Feng's party suddenly appeared out of nowhere.

"How did these people teleport here?"

"That Swordsman looks like Zero Wing's Guild Leader!"

"He really is Black Flame! Black Flame is back!"

"So what if he's back? The present situation is no longer the same as before. Shadowring Town's fate won't change with his return."

When the human and Holy Race players looked at Shi Feng, some were surprised while others scoffed. Nobody tried to hide their discussions from Shi Feng.

"What's going on with these people?" The bystanders' behavior puzzled Gentle Snow. Shadowring Town's current atmosphere felt completely different than before.

Before she left for the Crucible of the Ancients, Shadowring Town's atmosphere felt relaxed and comfortable. But now, a depressing atmosphere surrounded everyone in the town. This was true for both human and Holy Race players.

"It seems something big must have happened in the past two days," Verdant Rainbow said, similarly noticing Shadowring Town's strange atmosphere. Immediately, she turned to Shi Feng and continued, "Guild Leader Black Flame, I will return for now and draft a new partnership agreement for Zero Wing. Once the new contract comes into effect, Zero Wing can enjoy a 20% discount on all resources purchased from the Seven Luminaries Alliance."

"Twenty percent? Isn't that the ally treatment?" Death Wind was astonished. "Rainbow, what did you get from inside?"

The Seven Luminaries Alliance was one of the oldest apex powers in the human race's Greater God's Domain. Its foundations were so strong that none of the other apex powers dared to underestimate it. For this reason, few powers in the human race's Greater God's Domain could ally with the Seven Luminaries Alliance.

However, if a power became allies with the Seven Luminaries Alliance, it could enjoy a 20% discount on all resources it purchased from the Seven Luminaries Alliance. That would put the final price just a little above the cost. Countless human powers sought this treatment, and even Demon's Gate was no exception.

In the current Greater God's Domain, only three powers were allies with the Seven Luminaries Alliance, and they were either apex powers or existences rivaling apex powers.

However, Zero Wing being offered ally status wasn't what surprised Death Wind the most. What truly surprised him was that Verdant Rainbow made the offer.

Although Verdant Rainbow was a peerless chosen one nurtured by the Seven Luminaries Alliance, she did not have the qualifications to grant Zero Wing ally status. Nevertheless, Verdant Rainbow was not one to make empty promises. Since she dared to make Zero Wing such an offer, it meant that she was confident she could convince the Seven Luminaries Alliance's Grand Elders to go along with her.

This led Death Wind to wonder what Verdant Rainbow obtained in the Crucible of the Ancients to warrant such a bold promise.

However, Verdant Rainbow did not answer Death Wind's question. She merely looked at Shi Feng, waiting for his reply.

"Okay. Zero Wing looks forward to deepening its relations with the Seven Luminaries Alliance," Shi Feng said, chuckling. He similarly concluded that Verdant Rainbow must have gained an incredible harvest. Otherwise, she would never make such a promise.

"We will be taking our leave, then," Verdant Rainbow said before dragging Death Wind away, completely disregarding the resentful gaze the other party was giving her.

Once Verdant Rainbow and Death Wind were out of sight, Shi Feng turned to Gentle Snow and the others.

"What rewards did you get?" Shi Feng asked quietly.

Although Gentle Snow, Fervent Samsara, and Heavy Abyss had only scored C-rank evaluations, they should have also received extraordinary rewards based on Verdant Rainbow's behavior.

"A huge windfall!" Gentle Snow exclaimed through the team chat. "All three of us received an Epic Tier 7 Promotion Land Scroll! So long as we gather the listed materials and reach Level 200, we can head to the Promotion Land and challenge our Tier 7 promotion!"

"You got one, too?" Shi Feng couldn't help but be surprised by this revelation. He also understood why Verdant Rainbow was so confident she could convince the Seven Luminaries Alliance's Grand Elders.

The opportunity to advance to Tier 7!

This was likely the first time such an opportunity had appeared in the human race's Greater God's Domain. Any player who successfully advanced to Tier 7 would bring unimaginable benefits to the power they were affiliated with.

Before Shi Feng could ask Gentle Snow for more details on the Epic Tier 7 Promotion Land Scroll, he suddenly received a call from Hidden Soul. Seeing this, he decided to leave the questions for later.

"Guild Leader! I finally reached you!" When Hidden Soul saw the call had connected, she urgently said, "Something big happened in the Eternal Realm!"

"Something big? What is it?" Shi Feng asked.

"Players from outside the Eternal Realm have appeared!" Taking a deep breath, Hidden Soul said, "A day ago, a stable space-time passage appeared in the southern region, and a group of Level 220-plus, Tier 6 players emerged from it! Based on our investigations, those players came from outside the Eternal Realm!"

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## **Chapter 3757: Alternate Ending 831 - Taboo Nucleus**

### **Chapter 831 – Taboo Nucleus**

"They found an entrance already?" Shi Feng was astonished by Hidden Soul's report.

In his previous life, by the time the various powers' exploration teams found a way into the Eternal Realm, the average level of players was already above Level 200. On the other hand, the average level of players in the current Eternal Realm hadn't even reached Level 190. Events surrounding the Eternal Realm were clearly progressing much more rapidly in this life than in his previous life.

Meanwhile, the powers currently operating in the Eternal Realm probably had mixed feelings about this development.

This was because the arrival of players from outside the Eternal Realm would undoubtedly upset the status quo. In this situation, powers with strong foundations outside the Eternal Realm could thoroughly exert their advantages, while powers with weak foundations would face disaster.

Even among Tier 6 players, the difference between players at Level 200 or above and players below Level 200 was like night and day. Not to mention, there were far more Tier 6 players outside the Eternal Realm than inside.

Following the arrival of these Level 200-plus, Tier 6 players, the powers behind them could oppress powers lacking foundations. These powers could also explore Level 200-plus maps and obtain the resources there, which would give them a huge advantage.

“Thankfully, not all is bad news,” Hidden Soul added. “Although a space-time passage into the Eternal Realm has been discovered, it isn’t exactly safe. According to the outsiders, they entered the passage with a 1,000-man Tier 6 legion but exited with less than 50 players remaining. Additionally, less than ten powers know about this space-time passage’s location right now. So, it should take a few more days before other powers can send their forces into the Eternal Realm.”

“That is indeed good news.” After pondering for a moment, Shi Feng added, “Since so few outsiders have arrived, the powers behind them shouldn’t be able to expand rapidly for the time being. If we use this time to increase the Guild’s overall strength, we can still compete with those powers.”

“I have already contacted our God’s Domain to send as many Level 200-plus, Tier 5 experts to use as possible. We should get an additional 1,000 Level 200-plus, Tier 5 experts in five days,” Hidden Soul said. Then, she furrowed her brows and continued, “The problem is the Seven Luminaries Crystals they need for their Tier 6 promotion and their limited combat standards. I doubt more than a hundred of them can advance to Tier 6. If we want more Level 200-plus, Tier 6 experts, our only other option is Gazing Moon City’s Tier 5 experts. But those experts don’t come from our God’s Domain. Many of them don’t even operate in Star Lake City. If we involve them in the Eternal Realm, we will likely expose the World Fragment’s existence.”

“Have only Gazing Moon City’s Tier 6 experts come. We still cannot expose the World Fragment’s secret,” Shi Feng said firmly. “As for the lacking combat standards of our God’s Domain’s Tier 5 players... How is the Tower of the Abyss’s construction coming along?”

Hidden Soul didn’t understand why Shi Feng was asking about the Tower of the Abyss, but she still inquired about the tower’s construction before she answered, “It won’t take more than half a day before it is completed.”

“Good!” Shi Feng was elated by the answer. He originally thought it would take a few more days, so this was a pleasant surprise. “Gather as many of our Level 200-plus, Tier 5 members at Shadowring Town as possible. Include even those who lack the strength to reach Tier 6.”

The Tower of the Abyss could be regarded as the heart of the Holy Race in his previous life. It had helped the Holy Race produce countless experts. It also became a gathering place for riches. If Zero Wing could activate its Tower of the Abyss now, it could largely resolve its predicament of insufficient Tier 6 players and Seven Luminaries Crystals.

“Understood!” Hidden Soul promptly acted on Shi Feng’s command.

Meanwhile, after issuing instructions to Hidden Soul, Shi Feng had Gentle Snow, Fervent Samsara, and Heavy Abyss get some rest. None of them had had a decent rest during the Continental Championship. Now that the championship was over, they should use this time to recuperate and go through what they gained from the championship. As for Shi Feng, he went to his office in Zero Wing's Residence to inspect the Inferior Divine Tier 7 Promotion Land Scroll.

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Zero Wing's Residence, Guild Leader's Office:

*No wonder no human player ever managed to go beyond Tier 6... Shi Feng smiled wryly when he finished inspecting the Inferior Divine Tier 7 Promotion Land Scroll. It costs 100 million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal just to activate this scroll. Even apex powers will have difficulty meeting this requirement. Not to mention, a Taboo Nucleus is needed to complete the actual Tier 7 promotion. This is a joke.*

For many human powers, the price of 100 million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal was still bearable. However, the required Taboo Nucleus was something even apex powers would not dare to think of obtaining.

This was because a Taboo Nucleus could only be obtained by killing one of the Twenty-Two Taboos!

This was not a secret in the human race's Greater God's Domain. On the contrary, this was public information readily available in the Greater God's Domain's Grand Library. Each Taboo Nucleus was an incredible energy source and the ideal material for making Divine Artifacts.

Unfortunately, although the various powers knew that Taboo Nuclei were ideal for making Divine Artifacts, nobody had ever managed to kill any of the Twenty-Two Taboos. Even when several apex powers worked together, they remained helpless against the Twenty-Two Taboos.

Yet, the Inferior Divine Tier 7 Promotion Land Scroll was now telling him that he required a Taboo Nucleus to advance to Tier 7. If this wasn't a joke, what was it?

Shi Feng finally understood why the Three Absolutes could never go beyond Tier 6. He also understood why the Holy Race had tried to invade the Twelve Sanctuaries in his previous life.

It was a fact that no human player could kill any of the Twenty-Two Taboos. The majority of the Twenty-Two Taboos also resided in the Twelve Sanctuaries. Thus, if the Holy Race wanted to kill them, it must first invade the Twelve Sanctuaries.



Of course, the Taboo Nucleus wasn't compulsory to advance to Tier 7. It was just that using a Taboo Nucleus would provide the greatest success rate, which was 20%. It was also the Inferior Divine Tier 7 Promotion Land Scroll's baseline requirement. If players used other materials instead of a Taboo Nucleus, their promotion success rate would be less than 5%. Such a success rate was the same as zero. Ultimately, it was still necessary to kill one of the Twenty-Two Taboos.

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Star Lake City, Airport:

At this time, an interstellar spaceship exceeding two kilometers in length appeared above the airport, the sight of the behemoth causing a stir among the people in the airport.

"Crap! An interstellar spaceship! It's an actual interstellar spaceship!"

"Am I dreaming? Even first-tier cities don't get to see an interstellar spaceship once every few decades. Why would one appear in Star Lake City?"

"I heard that an interstellar spaceship can travel across multiple interstellar continents in a single day, but most conglomerates don't even qualify to buy one. Only a very small number of cross-realm conglomerates have such a ship. Could it be that the bigshot of some cross-realm conglomerate is passing by our city?"

"Wait! Look! It's landing!"

When the airport crowd saw the interstellar spaceship slowly descending toward the tarmac, they began to wonder about the identity of the big shot who had decided to come sightseeing in Star Lake City.

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## **Chapter 3758: Alternate Ending 832 - Guests From a First-Tier City**

Chapter 832 – Guests From a First-Tier City

Star Lake City, Airport:

A man and a woman alighted from the interstellar spaceship under the airport crowd's gaze. The man was three meters tall and looked to be in his forties. His arms were thicker than most people's waists, and his muscles looked like they were made from steel. At first glance, one would think he was a bear rather than a human. Meanwhile,

the woman standing beside him looked like she was in her early twenties. Although her height was under two meters, she exuded an irresistible charm as she walked. Many men and women found their gazes subconsciously drawn to her.

When these two individuals appeared, whether it was the receptionist who came to greet the interstellar spaceship's passengers or the mental strength grandmasters observing the situation from hundreds of meters away, they all broke out in a cold sweat and felt suffocated.

"Great grandmasters!"

"Those two are great grandmasters!"

The two-star mental strength grandmasters watching from afar gasped in unison. They were especially shocked when they looked at the fairy-like woman. It felt like they were looking at the most terrifying monster in existence.

Great grandmasters!

For the people living on the Starlight Continent, great grandmasters were akin to gods who could single-handedly upset the balance of the entire continent. Normally, those who could achieve this standard by the age of 100 would already be regarded as an apex existence across the continent, and such an individual would appear only once in a century.

As for individuals who could achieve the great grandmaster standard before reaching 30? They existed only in legend.

"What an impoverished city. I don't know why Red Frost is willing to put up with such a place," the muscular, middle-aged man said as he surveyed Star Lake City, hints of dissatisfaction and anger coloring his eyes. "Had she admitted her mistake, the commander would have pleaded leniency for her, and she wouldn't have had to come to this place."

"Uncle Xiao, you know as well as I do what kind of person Big Sis Frost is. She'd rather break than bend, so stop being angry at her," the fairy-like woman said. "It's good news that Big Sis Frost has recovered. If she performs well after she returns, she might be able to join the ranks of the current generation's chosen ones."

"I know that. I wouldn't have bothered coming here with you otherwise." The middle-aged man rolled his eyes at the fairy-like woman. "Let's hurry and find her. The sooner she returns, the sooner she can be accepted by those old monsters."

After saying so, the middle-aged man stepped into the luxury levitating car that came to receive them. Seeing this, the fairy-like woman followed him happily.

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Star Lake City, Zero Wing Tower:

After Star Lake City's promotion into a second-tier city, many of Zero Wing's internal members from the Eternal Realm migrated to the city. Because of this, Zero Wing's headquarters became the center of Star Lake City, with many talented newcomers visiting it to undergo tests and training every day. These newcomers all hoped to get their big break by becoming internal members of Zero Wing. If they succeeded, they would instantly join the upper echelons of Star Lake City's society and become the target of recruitment for the city's established families.

"Zero Wing?" The middle-aged man frowned when he saw the simulated battle being shown on the screen in the first-floor lobby. "Seriously, what is Red Frost thinking? She used to be a potential candidate for the Divine Glory List's top 100. How can she settle for becoming a sparring partner in a small Guild?"

"I heard that Zero Wing helped Big Sis Frost recover her Concentration. She's probably just helping Zero Wing out of gratitude," the fairy-like woman said, excitement coloring her eyes as she watched Red Frost fight in the simulated battle. "I didn't think that Big Sis Frost would become stronger rather than weaker after idling for so long! In her current state, she should fare even better in the battle of the chosen ones!"

"Indeed! She can probably rank within the Divine Glory List's top 60 or 70 with her current strength!" the middle-aged man said in a surprised tone as he scrutinized Red Frost's movements. "With such strength, she can compete for the top two among the seeded candidates this time! If she can undergo the old commander's training before the competition, she might even reach the standard of the Divine Glory List's top 50!"

While the two were talking, Pace Angel approached them in a hurry.

A visit by two mental strength great grandmasters would be taken very seriously by even cross-realm conglomerates, let alone a budding power like Zero Wing.

"Dear guests, may I know what brings you to Zero Wing?" Pace Angel asked carefully.

"We are friends of Red Frost. We come from Holy Hymn City," the middle-aged man stated after looking at Pace Angel. "Tell your Guild Leader that we will be bringing Red Frost back with us. To show our gratitude to Zero Wing for caring for Red Frost, we can take a few Zero Wing members with us."

The middle-aged man's words immediately caused a stir among the people in the lobby.

"Holy Hymn City?"

"Isn't that a top-ranking first-tier city on one of the Twelve Ancient Continents?"

“We get to live in *that* city?”

Everyone was initially shocked when they heard the middle-aged man was from Holy Hymn City. Immediately afterward, their surprise turned into awe and desire. Even Pace Angel, who was currently tasked with managing the affairs of Zero Wing’s main headquarters, trembled a little at the middle-aged man’s words.

There were countless interstellar continents in the Greater World. Among them, twelve continents stood out in particular. They were the largest and oldest continents in the Greater World, and they corresponded to the Greater God’s Domain’s Twelve Sanctuaries. The resources they possessed far exceeded those of other continents, and many technologies used by the Greater World’s inhabitants today originated from these twelve continents.

Meanwhile, Holy Hymn City was a mobile city based on one of these twelve continents. Moreover, as Holy Hymn City had the word “Holy” in its name, it meant that the city was one of the few top-ranking first-tier mobile cities operating on these continents. Many chosen ones of conglomerates sought to live in the city. Unfortunately, very few could do so. This was because the various cross-realm conglomerates and ancient families would fight tooth and nail for the several residential slots the city offered each year.

“This... I’m afraid I don’t have the authority to preside over this matter. I will need to contact my Guild Leader,” Pace Angel said, quickly realizing the importance of the matter when she snapped out of her daze.

“Go ahead. We will catch up with Red Frost in the meantime,” the middle-aged man said as he approached Red Frost, who had just exited the combat simulation room.

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On the other side, Pace Angel quickly logged into God’s Domain and contacted Shi Feng.

When the call connected, Pace Angel briefly sighed in relief before reporting, “Guild Leader, two great grandmasters from Holy Hymn City have suddenly visited the main headquarters. They say they are here to bring Commander Red Frost back to Holy Hymn City.”

“Great grandmasters from Holy Hymn City?” Upon hearing Pace Angel’s report, Shi Feng recalled some of the information he had heard about Holy Hymn City in his previous life. Then, he replied, “Alright, I’ll log off and meet them.”

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# Chapter 3759: Alternate Ending 833 - Divine Glory List's Top 10?

Chapter 833 – Divine Glory List’s Top 10?

Zero Wing Tower, Guild Leader’s Private Room:

When Shi Feng climbed out of his virtual gaming cabin, a wave of nausea hit him, causing him to stumble and nearly fall.

*Was the trip to the Crucible so taxing?* Shi Feng was shocked to see barely anything remained of his gaming cabin’s Life Potion reservoir.

When he departed for the Crucible of the Ancients, the reservoir still held a month’s worth of Life Potion. Yet, now, only a thin layer of Life Potion was left in the reservoir. His expenditure in the past two days was simply astonishing.

Not daring to take any risks, Shi Feng hastened to the nearby fridge, retrieved a drop of Stardew, and drank it.

When the Stardew entered his stomach, Shi Feng felt his foggy mind clearing up considerably. His mental strength also strengthened at an incredible speed. In just ten seconds, his mental strength had become several times stronger than before, far exceeding the standard of three-star grandmasters.

*The pseudo-great grandmaster standard!* Shi Feng couldn’t help but be surprised when he sensed the change in his mental strength. He hadn’t thought participating in the Continental Championship would yield such astonishing effects.

Most chosen ones would hit their limit once they reached the three-star grandmaster standard. Only a few individuals with extraordinary talent could exceed that limit and reach the pseudo-great grandmaster standard.

However, so long as a person managed to reach the pseudo-great grandmaster standard in the Greater World, even powers as mighty as cross-realm conglomerates would try desperately to recruit this person. This was because once a person became a pseudo-great grandmaster, so long as they kept adding to their foundation, they would eventually reach the great grandmaster standard.

According to the God’s Domain Association’s rules, once a person became a great grandmaster, they would be qualified to manage a first-tier mobile city. This, in turn, would enable them to lead the civilization behind them to prosperity.

*With this, I won't have to worry about facing those two great grandmasters,* Shi Feng thought with a smile. Then, he put on a coat and made his way downstairs.

In the real world, confronting a great grandmaster would be considered an act of suicide, even for three-star grandmasters. Although the God's Domain Association's presence would deter most great grandmasters from taking direct action within a city, it wasn't difficult for a great grandmaster to humiliate a three-star grandmaster.

However, it was a different story now that he had become a pseudo-great grandmaster. Unless the two great grandmasters from Holy Hymn City went all out, they would have difficulty making him suffer with only their mental strength.

Regarding Holy Hymn City, Shi Feng had more or less heard about it due to its fame in his previous life. The city's fame was primarily due to two reasons. Firstly, it was a top-ranking first-tier mobile city on one of the Twelve Ancient Continents. This status attracted many paragons and chosen ones to live and train in the city. Secondly, the city's ruler was one of the Greater God's Domain's Eight Legendary Adventurer Teams.

The Holy Dragon Spear adventurer team!

Unlike most other adventurer teams, Holy Dragon Spear originated from a collaboration between several ancient families. It also vigorously recruited peerless geniuses. Although the adventurer team controlled only one city in the Greater World, it was strong enough to pick fights with apex powers.

In Shi Feng's previous life, Holy Dragon Spear's fame peaked during a defensive battle against the Holy Race in the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary.

At the time, 10,000 of Holy Dragon Spear's Tier 6 experts faced an army composed of one million Tier 6 experts from the Sun Dynasty and Sovereign Mark. Although these Holy Dragon Spear experts were ultimately annihilated, they managed to drag over 900,000 Tier 6 Holy Race experts down with them.

After that battle, over half of Holy Dragon Spear's 10,000 experts suffered permanent deaths. Although it could be regarded as a tragic loss, the loss of the Sun Dynasty and Sovereign Mark's army was even worse, with over 200,000 experts suffering permanent deaths. This, in turn, drastically reduced the forces the two royal powers could deploy against the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary.

Meanwhile, the fact that a force of 10,000 Tier 6 experts could achieve such a battle record against an army of one million Tier 6 Holy Race experts shocked the various apex powers. None of them had thought the Holy Dragon Spear adventurer team's Tier 6 experts were so frightening.

It should be known that the Tier 6 experts sent by the Sun Dynasty and Sovereign Mark were not ordinary experts. Each of them was either a fifth-floor expert or an expert close

to reaching the fifth-floor standard. To defeat one million such experts while heavily outnumbered was nothing short of a miracle.

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First-floor Lobby:

When Shi Feng arrived at the lobby, he saw Red Frost grimacing in dissatisfaction as she conversed with a man and a woman.

“Xiao Yilong, stop persuading me. When I chose to leave Holy Hymn City, I already decided never to return,” Red Frost said, shaking her head with a determined look.

“Not even when you have the chance to get revenge?” Xiao Yilong asked. Then, putting on a smile, he continued, “Holy Dragon Spear already has a way to enter the Eternal Realm. If we work with the other powers who know about the passage, we can easily explore the Eternal Realm’s Level 200-plus Taboo Ruins. If we have the weapons and equipment of these Taboo Ruins, combined with the Legacies the old commander has prepared for the adventurer team’s chosen ones, you will have a chance to defeat *that* person. Or are you willing to remain beneath *that* person for the rest of your life? Do you not care about how he stole your Legacy and caused you to become cursed?”

Red Frost grew hesitant when she heard Xiao Yilong’s words.

“*That* person?”

After approaching the trio, Shi Feng couldn’t help but look at Red Frost curiously. Although he had long known that Red Frost’s curse was extraordinary, he hadn’t expected the Holy Dragon Spear adventurer team to be involved. Moreover, by the looks of it, even Holy Dragon Spear didn’t have a solution to the curse.

“The Uncrowned War God, Ember Dragon!” Red Frost answered, not bothering to hide this information from Shi Feng. “He is one of the current Divine Glory List’s top 10 experts. He is also responsible for getting me cursed by one of the Twenty-Two Taboos in a Mythical Era ruin.”

“You must be Zero Wing’s Guild Leader, Black Flame,” Xiao Yilong said as he looked at Shi Feng. “Although you have helped Red Frost a lot, if you want what’s best for her, you should persuade her to return to Holy Dragon Spear. Only if she returns will she have a chance to get revenge. Otherwise, she can never catch up to Ember Dragon, and Zero Wing will also face persecution at every turn.

“Ember Dragon might not have bothered himself with Red Frost before, but it is a different story now that she has recovered.”



“She can never catch up to Ember Dragon?” Shi Feng chuckled at Xiao Yilong’s holier-than-thou expression. “I can’t say the same for anyone else, but if it’s Red Frost, so long as she joins Zero Wing, surpassing the Uncrowned War God isn’t a problem!”

“You are as crazy as the rumors say.” Shi Feng’s response momentarily took Xiao Yilong aback. However, he quickly recovered from his surprise and scowled at Shi Feng contemptuously as he scoffed, “Do you honestly think you can trade blows with the Divine Glory List’s top 10 experts simply because you defeated a few of the Holy Race’s chosen ones?”

“Well, I can tell you now that your battles in the Eternal Realm are nothing more than child’s play to us! None of the Greater God’s Domain’s true powerhouses have entered the Eternal Realm thus far!

“Since you are so confident in your strength, how about we fight a simulated battle?! If I can’t defeat you in three moves, I will stop persuading Red Frost and leave! Do you dare to accept my challenge?!”

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## **- Chapter 3760: Alternate Ending 834 - Abyss Unfolds |**

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“What’s going on? Why is that great grandmaster challenging the Guild Leader?”

“He thinks he can defeat the Guild Leader in three moves? How arrogant is he? The Guild Leader is among the Divine Glory List’s top 300 experts!”

“That person might be arrogant, but it’s a fact that he is a great grandmaster. In an even fight in a simulation battle, not even the Divine Glory List’s top 100 experts can necessarily beat him.”

Xiao Yilong’s challenge sparked discussions among the people in the hall.

Zero Wing was no longer an unknown Guild. Not only was it the sole Guild based in Star Lake City, a second-tier mobile city, but it also wielded considerable influence in the Eternal Realm. Additionally, Shi Feng, Zero Wing’s Guild Leader, was an expert on the Divine Glory List. His name was known by many across the Greater God’s Domain, and few Guilds and experts would dare to challenge him.

However, Xiao Yilong, as a great grandmaster, was no ordinary individual, either. Besides being qualified to be the City Lord of a first-tier mobile city, he could enjoy

executive treatment if he joined a pseudo-apex power. This was because even the weakest great grandmasters could rank among the Divine Glory List's top 100. It was just that most great grandmasters found it beneath them to do so unless they could enter the top 10.

"What? Don't tell me you don't dare?" Xiao Yilong curled his lips at Shi Feng. "If you're worried about having an equipment disadvantage, we can fight under the same Basic Attributes. I can defeat you in three moves nonetheless."

"Don't be rash, Shi Feng," Red Frost hurriedly whispered to Shi Feng after hearing Xiao Yilong's provocation. "Xiao Yilong is only a step away from the pseudo-sixth-floor standard. Even the current Divine Glory List's top 30 experts can't beat him under the same Basic Attributes."

Red Frost knew Xiao Yilong well. The man might look like a musclehead, but he was a meticulous person. He would never fight unprepared.

Although Shi Feng currently ranked among the Divine Glory List's top 300 and could be considered an apex expert in the Greater God's Domain, he still had a long way to go before he could match a veteran expert like Xiao Yilong.

While Xiao Yilong might not have much fame in the Greater God's Domain, he was well-known within the Holy Dragon Spear adventurer team. Even among the many apex experts in Holy Dragon Spear, Xiao Yilong could rank among the top two Shield Warriors.

"Don't worry, Commander Frost. I know my limits," Shi Feng said, nodding to Red Frost. Then, he turned to Xiao Yilong and continued, "Since you wish to test me, we can fight in the advanced combat simulation room on the third floor, Mr. Xiao."

"At least you're not a coward." Xiao Yilong was a little surprised by Shi Feng's answer. He hadn't expected Shi Feng to accept his challenge.

After Shi Feng agreed to Xiao Yilong's challenge, he led the other party to an advanced combat simulation room on the third floor, the sight causing a stir in the crowd in the lobby. Immediately, everyone focused their attention on the lobby's broadcast screen, which now showed the situation in the advanced combat simulation room.

"Big Sis Frost, your Guild Leader sure is something," Twilight Leaf, the fairy-like woman, said as she watched Shi Feng go upstairs. Then, she turned to Red Frost and smiled. "If anyone else had heard your goal is to take revenge on the Uncrowned War God, they would probably have been scared out of their wits. Yet, your Guild Leader is willing to stand up for you and claim that he can help you defeat Ember Dragon. I can see why you were willing to join a small Guild like Zero Wing. It's just that he will probably suffer at Uncle Xiao's hands first."

“I wouldn’t necessarily say that,” Red Frost retorted. “Although Xiao Yilong is strong, Shi Feng is by no means weak.”

“Are you sure you’re not just putting him on a pedestal?” Twilight Leaf asked, astonished by Red Frost’s claim. “That’s Uncle Xiao we are talking about. Even if Black Flame is strong enough to enter the current Divine Glory List’s top 100, it will still be a tall order to survive three moves against Uncle Xiao.”

“I don’t know if Shi Feng can enter the current Divine Glory List’s top 100, but based on what I heard, he killed Demon’s Gate’s White Ghost in the Eternal Realm not long ago. He even did it with just three moves,” Red Frost explained.

“He killed White Ghost in three moves?” Twilight Leaf was surprised.

Demon’s Gate was an apex power, and the Six Great Paragons it nurtured in this generation were known across the Greater God’s Domain. White Ghost was especially well-known among the Greater God’s Domain’s upper echelon, and many believed his combat standard was already worthy of the Divine Glory List’s top 100. He merely needed time to bring his other parameters up to standard.

Assuming there was no difference in Basic Attributes, only the Divine Glory List’s top 30 experts could defeat White Ghost in three moves.

If Shi Feng had accomplished such a feat, Xiao Yilong might have trouble defeating him.

While Red Frost and Twilight Leaf chatted, Shi Feng and Xiao Yilong appeared on the broadcast screen.

Currently, Shi Feng and Xiao Yilong could be seen standing on a street in a dilapidated city. Their Basic Attributes had been lowered to the same standard, and they stood less than 500 yards apart. Since they were both at Tier 6 in the simulation, they could close this distance in three seconds if they sprinted.

“It’s started!”

“Holy! That Shield Warrior is so fast! He’s as fast as experts executing an Advanced Gold Body Technique!”

Following the simulation room announcing the start of the duel, everyone saw Xiao Yilong raising his shield and saber, splitting into three, and charging Shi Feng from three different directions—moving faster than Tier 6 experts executing Basic Gold Body Techniques.

Before anyone in the lobby could react, Xiao Yilong arrived within 20 yards of Shi Feng. Then, all three copies of himself swung their sabers down at Shi Feng, the weapons

leaving afterimages that made it look like three walls of sabers were descending upon Shi Feng. Additionally, these saber walls formed a triangular encirclement as they came down on Shi Feng, which made it impossible to dodge them all.

“Sure enough, he is only one step away from reaching that standard.” Red Frost subconsciously held her breath when she saw Xiao Yilong’s performance.

The others in the lobby might be unable to determine the intricacies behind Xiao Yilong’s move, but experts who had learned Advanced Gold Combat Techniques could tell that Xiao Yilong had just executed an Advanced Gold Fusion Technique. This indicated that Xiao Yilong could already achieve the Advanced Gold Combat Technique standard with his every move. Otherwise, he could never have pulled off such a complicated fusion technique.

“Why isn’t he moving?” Twilight Leaf stared at Shi Feng in confusion. “Did he give up?”

If Shi Feng had indeed slain White Ghost in three moves, his strength wouldn’t be too far behind Xiao Yilong’s. Yet, even though Xiao Yilong was already attacking him, Shi Feng still did not unsheath his swords.

Amidst Twilight Leaf’s confusion, Shi Feng suddenly raised his right hand at Xiao Yilong. Immediately afterward, an indescribable wave of energy spread from Shi Feng.

Miniature Abyssal World!

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